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General Summary.

Personal Officers.—The following were the principal changes in the staff.

Name.	Designation.	Change.	Date.
Lt.-Colonel M. L. Ferrar, C.S.I., C.I.E., O.B.E., I.A.	Chief Commissioner	Leave	1-11-1927
Mr. J. M. Wright, C.B.E., B.A., I.C.S.	Offg. Chief Commissioner.	Appointed	1-11-1927
Major G. C. Slacke, I.A.	Deputy Commissioner	Transferred	25-12-1927
Major D. E. C. Kenny, I.A.	Deputy Commissioner	Appointed	25-12-1927
Lt.-Colonel W. O. Grant, I.A. (Retired).	Commandant, Military Police.	Retired	22-7-1927
Lt.-Colonel G. C. Wheeler, V.C.I.A.	Commandant, Military Police.	Appointed	12-8-1927
Captain F. M. Wardle, I.A., S.C.	Executive Commissariat Officer.	Transferred	15-3-1928
Captain H. L. Ogden, I.A., S.C.	Executive Commissariat Officer.	Appointed	16-3-1928
Engineer Lieutenant-Commander S. B. Trenoweth, R.I.M.	Engineer and Harbour Master.	Transferred	31-1-1928
Engineer Lieutenant-Commander G. L. Annett, R.I.M.	Engineer and Harbour Master.	Appointed	1-2-1928

2. *Police.*—The conduct of the men has been good. It is gratifying to see that the health figures continue to improve.

It is hoped that a greater continuity in command will be possible now, and that it will have good results.

3. *Jails.*—The end of the year showed a slight increase in the convict population. This was due to the arrival of several batches of Burman volunteers towards the end of the year.

Apart from those confined in the Cellular Jail either on arrival or on account of local offences, all the labouring convicts are now concentrated in a single station.

4. *Civil Justice.*—The continued increase of civil litigation is indicative of the growing prosperity of the colony.

5. *Land Revenue and Agriculture.*—In spite of a remission of Rs. 8,000 and odd in July 1927 on account of the loss of the rice harvest in December 1926, there was a gratifying increase of 38 per cent. in total revenue realized.

The appointment of an Agricultural Officer was made during the year.

6. *Commissariat Department.*—The year has seen a further decrease in ration strength. The Indian Infantry Detachment has been withdrawn and

the number of labouring convicts reduced to those confined in the Cellular Jail and a few based on Dundas Point.

7. *Public Works.*—One of the most important tasks carried out by the Public Works Department during the year was the substitution of calco metal sluices for the old wooden sluices in a large number of the tidal bunds. The elimination of the faulty wooden sluice gates should materially add to the health of the neighbouring villages and restore rice land to the plough. It is hoped that very soon no wooden sluices will remain in Port Blair.

8. *Education.*—The result of the High School Examination suggests room for improvement, and it is hoped that the provision for a High School Mathematics Teacher will help. Local Government appointments easily absorb the present matriculates.

9. *Marine and Shipping.*—The rise in imports and exports by private shippers as well as by Government is indicative of the changing conditions of the administration, and of the growth of the timber market for Andaman woods.

Further difficulties are arising with regard to skilled labour in the workshops and these difficulties will inevitably increase in proportion to the decrease in convict strength. A further expansion of the existing free skilled staff at Phœnix Bay may soon be necessary.

10. *Medical.*—The year again shows a reasonable improvement in health, though figures of daily sick rate among self supporter convicts do not appear to warrant this assertion and require explanation. The abolition of convalescent gangs has added about 15 per cent. to the "daily sick" return. Steps are being taken to reorganize the convalescent gang. The returns will then, present a truer picture of the actual health of the settlement.

In the last month of 1926 a large number of convicts became self supporters, and this implux of healthy members into the ranks of the self supporters is responsible for the lower figure per mille of 1926.

The death rate figure 11·7 per mile for 1927 and the marked improvement in the malaria and dysentery figures are a better guide to the general health. A still more gratifying indication is the large increase in births.

11. *Aborigines.*—The year was entirely free from Jarawa visits. It is suggested that they have moved into Middle Andaman but there is no confirmation of this rumour.

The very friendly attitude of the Onges on Little Andaman is gratifying. Regular visits by responsible officers have had the anticipated result.

12. *Nicobars.*—The year was as usual uneventful.

The solitary murder at Banpoka is of no significance as it appears to have been the result of a personal quarrel.

There was a distinct decline in Trade, the causes of these variations are obscure, but presumably arise from the mutations of the coconut and copra markets in Burma and the Strait Settlements.

13. *Forests.*—After a lapse of 28 years this report once more contains some mention though a very brief one, of the activities of the Forest Department. A more complete account will be found in the annual report written by the

Chief Forest Officer. It is interesting to compare the figures for last year with those given in the Administration Report for 1899-00 the last which contained any reference to the Forest Department in its text. Then the receipts were Rs. 2,60,597 and expenditure Rs. 1,40,942 and the total amount of timber exported was 559 tons.

The progress of the Department during the past four years has been very great. The Department must now be ranked as a highly complex organization endeavouring to reconcile business methods of direction and advancement with the caution and rigidity which must accompany Government Control.

CHAPTER I.

POLICE.

Command.—The command of the Military Police Battalion was held by the following officers :—

Lieut.-Colonel W. O. Grant, I.A., (retired) up to 22nd July 1927.

Mr. J. P. C. Hearne, Assistant Commandant and Assistant Superintendent of Police from 23rd July 1927 to the 11th August 1927.

Lieut.-Colonel G. C. Wheeler, V.C.I.A., from 12th August 1927.

2. *Strength.*—The sanctioned strength of the Military Police at the beginning of the year was 560. The actual strength at the close of the year was 527. The shortage was due to invaliding and voluntary discharge.

3. *Recruits.*—No recruiting party was sent during the year, but recruits were obtained through the agency of men on leave.

4. *Composition.*—The Battalion was composed as in the previous years of one Company of Sikhs, one of Dogras and two of Muhammadans.

5. *Casualties.*—There were 50 casualties during the year against 71 in the previous year as detailed below—

	1926-27.	1927-28.
Invalided	17	7
Resigned	30	36
Died	2	1
Dismissed	5	6
Convicted	1	..
Discharged	10	..
Transferred to Civil Police	6	..

The one death occurred in India.

6. *Health.*—There were 43 malarial cases compared to 142 in 1926-27. To the special Anti-malaria measures adopted in the Lines and their vicinity this marked decrease may be partly attributed. Sickness from other causes amounted to an average of 1·65 per cent. of strength.

7. *Offences.*—The number of offences committed by the members of the battalion was 29 all of which were dealt with by the Commandant. These were 51 last year.

8. *Drill and Musketry.*—The average number of men on parade at Head Quarters was 42 files against 41 for the year previous. The average obtained in Musketry Course was 92·5 out of a possible 165 against last year's average 89·76.

9. *Accounts.*—The accounts were examined during the year by an Accounts Officer from Burma. No discrepancies or irregularities were reported ; only suggestions for better or easier accounting were made.

The arms of the battalion were inspected in February 1928 by the Chief Civil Master Armourer. His report was satisfactory on the whole.

10. *Bush Police.*—The sanctioned strength of the convict Bush Police at the beginning of the year was 47 and the actual strength 46. These men were distributed over seven posts.

The men are armed with single barrel shot guns and have been trained in Drill and Musketry and show keenness in the work.

11. *Signalling.*—Military Police Telephone Stations have been maintained during the year at Ross, Aberdeen Jetty, Aberdeen, Wimberley Ganj, Garacherama, Port Mouat, Viper, Bambooflat and Haddo Jetty.

12. *School.*—The average daily number of men who attended the school was 15 non-commissioned officers, 13 Muharrirs and 28 recruits. Instruction to all members of the Civil Police is given at the Police Station twice a week by the Inspector and Sub-Inspectors of Police. The training is proving of great value. Of the men present in the force on 31st March 1928, 61 could read and write Urdu, 139 could read Urdu, 30 could read and write some other language (Gurmukhi, Nagri or Hindi) and 297 remained illiterate. The illiterate men are being put through a regular course in the school as far as circumstances and their duties allow. One Indian Officer and 4 non-commissioned officers were detailed to undergo training in Physical and Small Arms training and Bayonet fighting, etc., with the 1-5th Mahratha Light Infantry and returned with good result. Application has been made for admission of two non-commissioned officers of the Battalion to undergo a course of instructions as School Masters in the Army School of Education, India, Belgaum.

13. *Revenues.*—A sum of Rs. 158-7 was realised on account of sale to the general public of blank telephone message forms against Rs. 101-12 in 1926-27 and a sum of Rs. 1,460-11 was realized by sale of Khaki cloth etc., to the men of the force, license fees of Motor Cars and hire of Bush Police.

14. *Cost of force.*—The cost of the Force amounted to Rs. 3,20,855-7 against Rs. 3,13,105 during the year 1926-27. Against the above expenditure a sum of Rs. 2,340 was received from the Forest Department on account of Pay and Clothing of Sepoys employed by that Department.

15. *Pay.*—The rate of pay was brought into line with that of the Burma Military Police in August 1927.

16. *Poundage.*—The poundage receipts were Rs. 3,010-4 against Rs. 1,638-13 during 1926-27. The increase was partly due to the introduction of increased rates of fines.

17. *Pony fund.*—The number of ponies on charge at the close of the year was 13. All the ponies are in good condition.

18. *Government rations.*—The actual cost of rations drawn from the Commissariat Department during the year amounted to Rs. 54,934-1 out of which Rs. 23,701-2 was recovered from the men at Rs. 4-2 per head per mensem at the following scale and paid into the Treasury through challans.

Atta	1½ lbs.	per head per diem.
Dal	3 ozs.	do.
Ghee	2 „	do.
Salt	12 drams	do.
Turmeric	2 „	do.

The difference in the actual cost of rations and that of the Commissariat rates at which the same were issued to the men amounting to Rs. 31,232-15 was adjusted by Recovery Claim to the credit of the Executive Commissariat Officer.

19. *Civil Police.*—The Civil Police Force consists of one District Superintendent of Police, one Assistant Superintendent of Police, one Inspector, two Sub-Inspectors, 14 Head and 36 Foot constables ; a Sub-Inspector is in charge of the Police Stations at Aberdeen and Viper and a Head Constable at each of the Telephone reporting stations at Garacherma, Port Mouat and at Wimberleyganj. 3 Head and 3 foot constables were kept in reserve to fill casual vacancies. Of the three Head Constables in reserve, two are now under training at Phillaur.

20. *Criminal Offences.*—The offences ascertained by the *Civil Police* to have been committed by the free and convict population and disposed of by Magistrates and Settlement Officers are contained in Appendix XXVII.

The Civil Police have done well. There have been some good cases of detection.

CHAPTER II.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

Cases against free persons.—The cases among the free population of some 4,773 persons (excluding children) were as follows :—

Year.	Bailable.		Non-Bailable.		Local and Special Laws.		Total Cases.
	Number.	Persons.	Number.	Persons.	Number.	Persons.	Total.
1926-27 . .	63	91	19	26	24	31	106
1927-28 . .	57	76	19	31	36	75	112

Of the above number 110 were convicted, 67 acquitted or discharged, 5 committed to Sessions.

2. *Fines.*—Fines inflicted amounted to Rs. 2,948-8-0 and the realizations to Rs. 1,631 against Rs. 2,298 and Rs. 1,879 in the previous year.

3. *Placed on Security.*—5 free and ex-convicts and 3 self supporters were placed on security.

4. *Regular cases against convicts.*—Convicts numbered 7,279 on a daily average and the cases dealt with magisterially in which they were concerned were :—

Year.	Bailable.		Non-Bailable.		Local and Special Laws.		Total Cases.
	Number.	Persons.	Number.	Persons.	Number.	Persons.	Total.
1926-27 . .	8	10	18	40	4	5	30
1927-28 . .	13	15	24	36	7	26	44

Of the above number 44 were convicted, 17 committed to Sessions, 16 acquitted and discharged.

5. *Criminal Sessions Cases.*—There were 15 cases of heinous crime. 5 free and 17 convict accused persons being brought to trial during the year as compared with 3 cases and 4 accused in the previous year. Of the 23 persons dealt with 19 were convicted, 3 were acquitted and 1 died before trial. The description of the offences tried and the punishments inflicted are recorded in Appendix XXVIII.

6. *Appeals.*—There were 4 appeals in the Lower Courts of which all were successful. The Sessions Judge sitting as the Highest Court of appeal disposed of 24 appeals during the year. Of these 1 was dismissed, 17 rejected, in 4 cases the award of the Lower Court was set aside and in 1 the accused acquitted, in 1 the decision of the Lower Court was upheld.

There were 2 applications for bail, in one bail was granted and in the other refused.

7. *Inquests.*—10 Inquest proceedings were held during the year under report against 13 in the previous year.

The deaths were due to—

Accident	4
Fire	1
Hanging	2
Self poisoning	1
Natural causes	2
	10

CHAPTER III.

JAILS.

Strength. Appendix VII.—There were 7,309 convicts in the Settlement at the end of the year as compared with 7,106 last year. The daily average was 7,279 as compared with 7,474 last year.

2. *New Arrivals. Appendices VII and X.*—During the year 1,105 males and 21 females were received from India and Burma. In addition 25 males and 1 female were convicted locally. 6 convicts who had escaped in previous years were recaptured.

3. *Casualties. Appendix VII.*—The casualties during the year numbered 949, namely 909 males and 40 females. 35 married women were released with their convict husbands under section 13 of Andaman Administrative Circular No. VII as against 25 last year. 9 male convicts were released on special grounds by local Governments and the Government of India.

4. *Statistics of Release. Appendix VII.*—The statistics in connection with the return called for by the Secretary of State in despatch No. 32-Judicial, dated the 13th December 1883, are as follows :—

(*a*) There were 9 releases under the rules which prescribe that in case of term convicts the Chief Commissioner may remit up to one sixth of the sentence passed subject to good behaviour. 4 term convicts earned their releases during the year by marks.

(*b*) 237 males were released absolutely under the rules in accordance with which a convict may be recommended for release after 20 years' total imprisonment whether in India or in Port Blair. The several terms passed by them in transportation were :—
Six 15 years, one hundred and fifty six 16 years, forty three 17 years, seventeen 18 years, seven 19 years, four 20 years, three 21, and one 23 years.

(*c*) 51 male convicts were released conditionally under the 20 years' rule, the terms passed by them in imprisonment were —

Fourteen 15 years, fourteen 16 years, seven 17 years, twelve 18 years, one 19 years, two 20 years and one 22 years.

(*d*) 15 male convicts were released absolutely under the 25 years' rule the terms passed by them in imprisonment were :—

Two 19 years, seven 20 years, one 21 years, two 22 years, one 23 years, one 25 years and one 30 years.

(*e*) 27 male convicts were released conditionally under the 25 years' rule the terms passed by them in imprisonment were :—

Three 19 years, two 20 years, three 21 years, two 22 years, six 23 years, seven 24 years, one 25 years, two 26 years, and one 30 years.

(*f*) 35 women were released with their husbands after they had passed the following terms in imprisonment. Two 10 years, eleven 12 years, ten 13 years, four 14 years, five 15 years, two 16 years and one 20 years.

5. *Comparative Statement of release.*—The additional statistics required by the Government of India (Home Department letter No. 765, dated the 9th September 1911) are embodied in the two following statements. The number of releases sanctioned as noted in the second of these two statements does not necessarily represents the actual number of convicts released during the year inasmuch as the sanction to the release of a self supporter convict who is permitted at his own request to remain in the Settlement for three months after receipt of his release to enable him to dispose of his property does not take effect until the day of his departure from Port Blair. The figures noted in the first statement however and in Appendix VII and the foregoing paragraphs represent the number of convicts actually released during the years.

Comparative statement showing the total number of release of life and invalid convicts released during quinquennium ending 1927-28 :—

Year.	Number of releases.
1923-24	287
1924-25	180
1925-26	213
1926-27	360
1927-28	365

During 1927-28.	Number of releases.
20 years' rule	288
25 years' rule	42
Married women	35
	365

Statement showing the num'er of life and invalid convicts convicted within the jurisdiction of various Local Governments and Administrations recommended for release during the year 1927-28 and the result of the recommendations.

Local Government or Administration.	No. of release recommended.					How disposed of.									
						No. of whom sanctioned.									
	Pending from last year.	20 years' rule.	25 years' rule.	Medical Ground.	Total.	Absolute.	Conditionally.	On Medical grounds.	No. of releases postponed.	No. of releases finally refused.	No. of death among those recommended for release.	No. of cases in which release was cancelled.	No. of cases in which release recommended but the convict since transferred to Indian Jails.	Cases Pending.	Total.
Assam	4	3	..	..	7	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7
Bengal	14	17	5	..	36	30	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	36
Bihar and Orissa . . .	7	14	6	..	27	17	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	27
Bombay	15	14	4	..	33	20	1	..	5	..	..	..	1	6	33
Burma	29	35	5	..	69	33	25	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	69
Central Provinces . . .	9	17	3	..	29	25	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	29
Government of India . .	8	10	..	1	19	12	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	19
Madras	27	30	..	1	58	48	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	58
North West Frontier Province .	2	10	..	..	12	7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	12
Punjab	16	22	1	1	40	24	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	40
United Provinces . . .	26	38	12	..	76	33	19	..	11	..	..	..	2	11	76
Total .	157	210	36	3	406	255	71	..	16	..	1	..	4	59	406

6. *Original Crimes. Appendix VIII.*—The crimes for which convicts at Port Blair on 31st March 1928 were originally transported are given in Appendix VIII.

7. *Classification of convicts by terms of sentences. Appendix IX.*—Appendix IX shows the classes of convicts according to the terms of sentences. Out of 7,309 prisoners present at the close of the year 5,590 or 76·48 per cent. were life convicts and 1,719 or 23·52 per cent. term convicts.

8. *Escapes and Recaptures. Appendix X.*—Appendix X contains particulars of escapes and recaptures in the Settlement. During the year 11 convicts escaped and 13 (including 6 who escaped in previous year) were recaptured. 90·90 per cent. of the runaways were convicts from Burma the next largest number being that of convicts from Punjab. There was one organised escape by sea in which 3 Burman convicts who were employees of Forest Department escaped f om Middle Andaman on 2nd May 1927. They were recaptured in Tavoy District of Burma on 30th July 1927.

9. *Religions, ages and previous occupation. Appendix XI.*—Appendix XI contains statistics of the religions, ages and previous occupation of the convicts.

10. *Education. Appendix XII.*—Appendix XII contains figures showing the state of education of the convicts received during the year; of the male convicts 56 per cent. were unable to read and write. 16 per cent. were able to read and write a little and 28 per cent. were proficient in reading or writing their own language.

11. *Jail and other manufactures and produce. Appendix V.*—The estimated value of the Jail manufactured articles obtained from the workshops and other miscellaneous produce was Rs. 1,07,953 against Rs. 75,760 in 1926-27.

12. *Fisheries.*—The fishing gangs caught 27,600 lbs. fish in the harbour as against 44,220 lbs. last year. 2,871½ lbs. of prawns were also caught and sold to private residents.

13. *Discipline.*—The discipline was normal during the year under report.

14. *Labouring Convicts. Appendix XIV.*—Appendix XIV shows the daily average number of convicts employed in the several departments of the Settlement. The average percentage of convict warders to the number of prisoners was 475 against 7·99 in the preceding year. The sanctioned percentage is 4 per cent. S.S. *plus* 10 per cent. Jail convicts.

15. *Offences and Punishments. Appendices XV and XVI.*—The offences committed by the convicts and the punishment awarded are recorded in Appendices XV and XVI. The offences are shown under the headings "self supporters" and "labouring convicts." They include offences committed by convicts under the various sections of the Indian Penal Code. The daily average number of convicts fell from 7,474 to 7,279 and the total number of offences committed in the Settlement by convicts rose from 1,341 in the previous year to 1,559 this year; there was also an increase of 3·48 in the ratio of punishment to the daily average number of convicts. The percentage

of offences to the strength of males is 22·15 and of females 3·64 against 18·83 and 1·69 respectively in the previous year.

16. *Corporal Punishment. Appendix XVI.*—The number of Corporal punishments awarded was 39 as compared with 9 in the previous year. This is in the ratio of ·54 on the daily average strength agaist 0·12 in the previous year.

17. *Self Supporter Convicts. Appendices XXVI (a) and XXVI (b).*—The number of self supporter convicts holding tickets of leave at the close of the year was 7,040 of whom 6,840 were men and 200 women, an increase of 568 males and decrease of 17 females as compared with the previous year.

18. *Marriages.*—216 applications for marriage were made during the year under report against 165 in the previous year and 67 remained pending from the previous year. Of these 123 were sanctioned as against 85 sanctioned in the previous year. 94 applications were refused for various reasons and 66 applications remained pending at the close of the year. 417 families of convicts arrived in the Settlement during 1927-28.

19. *Cellular Jail.*—(1) The total number of convicts on the 31st March 1928 was 291 males and 19 females and the daily average strength was 336 males and 20 females as compared with 334 males and 19 females in 1926-27. The convicts present at the end of the year were employed as follows :—

	Males.	Females.
(*a*) Convict Petty Officers, warders and others in Departmental employ	42	1
(*b*) At Labour	164	10
(*c*) As self supporters in Government employ	83	..
(*d*) Independent S.S.	2	8
	291	19

The casualties during the year amounted to :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Released	428	22	450
Died	1	..	1
Escaped	..	..	..
Transferred to Indian Jail	240	1	241
Total	669	23	692

No convicts escaped during the year and none were recaptured. 90 convicts were punished during the year, 28 having been awarded corporal punishment for voluntarily causing grievous hurt, mutinous conduct, refusing to work, assault, outraging the modesty of a woman, assaulting an officer, cutting nose, breaking fetters and tearing clothing. Out of the 28 convicts, 7 were twice flogged. The increase in the number of the flogging was due to the behaviour of the incorrigibles confined in the Jail. In the interest of disci-

pline and good order these convicts were given exemplary punishments. 20 males and nil female convicts were granted self supporter tickets as—

Petty Officer	1
Cooks	5
Cane Workers	6
Sweepers	1
Tailor	1
Barber	1
F.O.C. Servant	1
Office Orderly	1
Compositors	3
Total	20

(2) *Manufacture of cotton clothings.*—All cotton clothing was manufactured in the Female Section as usual. There were daily on an average 1 country but no English looms in use. The average daily number of women employed was 2 against 4 in the previous year. The cotton clothing manufactured during the year was as follows :—

Ek Suti	13 yards.
Do Suti	1,536 yards.

In addition other clothing for convicts used was woven and worked up in the Tailoring department. The cotton weaving material used cost Rs. 724-10-9 and the value of convict labour employed was Rs. 626-0-0.

(3) *Tailoring Department.*—The outturn of cotton clothing during the year was as follows :—

Kurtas	*nil*	Jangiahs	*nil*
Coats	165	Pants	145
Caps	*nil*	Shirts	3

In addition to 3,360 Jail kurtas and 3,360 Jangiahs were repaired.

(4) *Blankets.*—Blankets to the value of Rs. 4,000 were imported from India and issued to convicts.

(5) *Coconut Oil Factory.*—1,26,474 nuts were received from the Settlement against 1,59,602 nuts last year. The number of nuts manufactured into oil and oil-cake was 1,02,495 against 1,59,602 nuts in 1926-27 and the outturn was 22,440 lbs. oil and 14,960 lbs. oil-cake against 24,678 lbs. and 16,452 lbs. respectively in 1926-27, and was disposed of as follows :—

Particulars.	Balance on 31st March 1927. lbs.	Outturn during 1927-28. lbs.	Wastage. lbs.	Issued to departments. lbs.	Sold to Forest Department. lbs.	Private sales. lbs.	Balance on 31st March 1928. lbs.
Oil	8,029	22,440	54	17,373	1,300	199	11,543
Oil-cake	548	14,960	..	..	..	15,500	8

On an average one mill worked for 186 days. The daily average outturn was 120·65 lbs. of oil and 80·43 lbs. of oil cake. On an average 5·11 nuts

including bad nuts, yielded a pound of oil. The total cash receipts for coconuts, coconut oil and oil cake amounted to Rs. 1,602-15 against Rs. 1,343 of the previous year.

(6) *Cane and Rope Factories.*—A daily average of 8 convicts was employed in the cane factory and 7 in the rope factory. The estimated value of the articles manufactured in the cane factory was Rs. 2,204-6-0 against Rs. 2,247-5-0 last year while that of the rope factory was Rs. 1,898-11-0 against Rs. 2,194 in 1926-27. During the year under report 6,434 lbs. coir fibre and 4,498 lbs. coir yarn were manufactured as compared with 6,633 lbs. of the former and 5,291 of the latter during the previous year, 145 lbs. sisal fibre was also extracted and 193 lbs. sisal yarn manufactured against 612 lbs. of the former and 502 lbs. of the latter in 1926-27.

(7) *Printing Department.*—Rs. 144-13-0 were realised on account of private printing and book binding as compared with Rs. 1,029 in the previous year. The Chief Commissioner's press was as in previous years reserved for the Chief Commissioner's work for publication of the local settlement gazette and other returns and documents relating to his office.

CHAPTER IV.

Civil Justice.

1. *Suits.*—235 suits were instituted in the Lower Courts during the year of the value of Rs. 27,155-14-6 against 205 suits valued at Rs. 16,610-15-3 in the previous year. Judgment for the Plaintiff was given in 132 suits, 60 suits were dismissed, 24 compromised, and 19 were pending at the close of the year.

2. *Execution of Decree.*—There were 81 suits in which no steps were taken for execution of decree, 24 suits in which satisfaction was obtained without execution proceedings. In 38 cases execution proceedings were entirely and 35 partly successful. A sum of Rs. 5,475-2-10 was realised in execution of decrees during the year.

3. *Appeals.*—13 appeals were made to the Chief Commissioner during the year and 27 appeals were instituted in the Court of the District Judge. Of those preferred to the Chief Commissioner 9 were dismissed.

4. *Court Fees.*—The value of process fees amounted to Rs. 311-10-0 as compared with Rs. 246 in the previous year and that of institution fees Rs. 2,143-3-0 against Rs. 1,244-6-0 in the previous year. The value of Court fee stamps sold amounted to Rs. 4,742-15-0 as compared with Rs. 4,539-6-0 in the previous year.

CHAPTER V.

REGISTRATION.

Officers.—The Deputy Commissioner is the Inspector General of Registration and the 1st Assistant Commissioner and the Treasury Officer, Ex-Officio Registrar and Sub-Registrar respectively.

2. *Transactions.*—5 documents were registered in Book No. I (Compulsory registration), 7 in Book No. III (Wills and authorities to adopt) and 167 in Book No. IV (Miscellaneous), of which the registration of 31 was optional and 136 compulsory under local rules, and consisted of 22 General and Special Powers of Attorney, 7 Agreements and 138 bonds or promissory notes for loans. No documents were refused registration in Book No. II (Refusal to Register) under part XII of the Registration Act (XVI of 1908) 1 special power of attorney was attested in Book No. VI (Power of Attorney attestation). No document remained uncopied at the close of the year and copies of 8 registered documents were asked for and granted.

3. *Valuation.*—The aggregate value of the 172 documents registered in Book I and IV was Rs. 29,519 against Rs. 37,805 in the previous year.

4. *Finance.*—The total fees realized amounted to Rs. 430-8-0 against Rs. 384-4-0 in the previous year. The only expenditure was on account of the salary of the Registration Clerk, *viz.*, Rs. 411-8-0.

CHAPTER VI.

Land Revenue and Agriculture.

Charge.—Sardar Balwant Singh, U.P.C.S., Revenue Assistant.

Mr. G. I. Kovoor, B.Sc. (Wales), Agricultural Officer .

2. *Area.*—The surveyed area in the neighbourhood of Port Blair other than Forest Reserves was 72,363 acres against 72,410 in the previous year. 47 acres were handed over to Forest Department.

Classification of areas.

Area under licenses and grants.

Valley.

Heading.	1927-28.	1926-27.	Difference.	Remarks.
Under Annual crops .	5,618	5,430	+188	The following new areas were brought under cultivation :— (1) 22 acres from grazing land ; (2) 15 acres from Jungle land ; and 171 acres from coconut plantations sparsely planted. 13 acres reclaimed after dredging. *Total increase 221 acres.* The following areas were resumed for other purposes :— 15 acres made over to Commissariat Department. 3 acres brought under roads. 15 acres made over to Agricultural Officer for experimental purposes. Total decrease 33 acres. *Net increase 188 acres.*
Under long lived crops other than coconuts.	165	165	..	
Total .	5,783	5,595	+188	
Under coconuts . .	551	522	+29	*Increase.*—New grants and licenses issued :—(Ranga Chang 77 acres, Mitha Khari 74 acres, Ograbiraj 47 acres). Total 198 acres. *Decrease.*—Allotted for cultivation of annual crops at Bamboo Flat 21 acres, Dundas Point 69 acres and Stewart Ganj 66 acres and 13 acres lost due to dredgirg operation. Total decrease 169 acres. *Net increase 29 acres.*
Total .	551	522	+29	

With Revenue and other Government Departments.

Valley.

	1927-28.	1926-27.	Difference.	Remarks.
Under coconuts . .	124	237	—213	Grants and Licenses issued for :— 198 acres. (Ranga Chang 77 acres, Mitha Khari 74 acres, Ograbiraj 47 acres). Given out for cultivation of annual crops . . 15. *Total —213 acres.*
Under other crops . .	19	4	+15	Area acquired for experimental purposes for Agricultural Officer.
Total .	143	341	—198	
Grazing Land . . .	246	253	—7	15 acres acquired for Commissariat Department for grazing land and 22 acres given out to self supporters for cultivations. Net decrease 7 acres.
Jungle	558	573	—15	Due to allotment to new S.S. cultivators.
Roads	210	207	+3	New roads. Due to extension of roads to Manjeri and Muslimbasti.
Brooks, tanks and Building, etc.	6,697	6,697	..	
Total .	14,188	14,188	..	

Area under licenses and grants.

Hill.

	1927-28.	1926-27.	Difference.	Remarks.
Under annual crops . .	1,677	1,607	+70	Taken from grazing lands . . . 4 acres. Acquired from Settlement gardens for allotment to Nagpuri cultivators at Navy Bay . . 20 „. Taken in cancellation of licenses of coconut areas and given out for cultivation at new Stewart Ganj. . . . 46 „. 70 „
Under long lived crops other than coconut.	420	348	+72	New allotment.
Total .	2,097	1,955	+142	

With Revenue and other Government Departments.

Hill—contd.

Heading.	1927-28.	1926-27.	Difference.	Remarks.
Under coconuts . .	2,960	2,872	+88	New Grants and Licenses issued for Ranga Chang 100 acres, Dundas Point 13 acres, Phœnix Bay 4 acres, Bunyadabad 13 acres, New area planted up 4 acres. Total 134 acres. *Decrease.*—46 acres reverted to Government at Garacherama. Net increase 88 acres.
Cleared for Coconuts but not planted.	220	234	—14	Reverted to Government 10 acres and area planted with coconuts 4 acres. Total 14 acres.
Alloted for planting but not cleared.	4,406	4,460	—54	Due to reversion to Government.
Total .	7,586	7,566	+20	
Coconuts . . .	269	399	—130	New Grants and Licenses issued for Ranga Chang 100 acres, Dundas Point 13 acres, Phœnix Bay 4 acres, Bunyadabad 13 acres. Total 130.
Other crops . . .	56	76	—20	Allotted to Nagpuri convicts at Navy Bay.
Total .	325	475	—150	
Grazing land . . .	10,933	10,984	—51	Allotted for cultivation 42 acres and handed over to Forest Department 9 Acres. Total 51 acres.
Jungle	36,010	36,018	—8	Areas reverted to Government 64 acres. Areas handed over to the Forest Department 38 acres. Allotted for rubber 34 acres. Net Decrease —8 acres.
Roads	450	450	..	
Prooks, tanks, and building, etc.	774	774	..	
Total .	58,175	58,222	—47	
Grand Total .	72,363	72,410	—47	

Note.—The details of culturable valley land are as follows for 1927-28 :—

Class.	1927-28.	1926-27.	Difference.
I	3,855	3,842	+13
II	1,461	1,330	+131
III	467	423	+44
Total .	5,783	5,595	+188

3. *Land under cultivation.*—Classification of land under cultivation :—

Heading.	1927-28.	1926-27.	Difference.	Remarks.
GOVERNMENT—				
Valley—				
Under crops other than coconuts.	19	4	+15	Acquired for experimental purposes for Agricultural Officer.
Vacant Holdings .	561	462	+99	Holding resumed. 25 acres. Holding reverted to Government due to dredging operation 82. Total 107. Area acquired for Agricultural Officer for experimental purposes . . 8. 99 acres.
Under coconuts .	124	337	—213	The decrease is due to issue of new Grants and Licenses for the Government plantations.
Total .	704	803	—99	
Hill—				
Under crops other than coconuts.	56	76	—20	Area allotted to Nagpuri convicts.
Vacant holdings .	421	289	+132	Represents the difference in reversion of holding and allotments during the year.
Under coconuts .	269	399	—130	The decrease is due to issue of new Grants and Licenses for the Government plantations.
Total .	746	764	—18	
Total—				
Under crops other than coconuts.	67	80	—13	
Vacant holdings .	990	751	+239	
Under coconuts .	393	736	—343	
Total .	1,450	1,567	—117	
SELF SUPPORTERS—				
Valley—				
Under crops other than coconuts	3,153	3,205	—52	*Increase*— Acres. From grazing land . 22; Jungle land . . 15; Coconut . . . 102; Total . 139. *Decrease*— Holding reverted . 25; New roads . . 3; Commissariat Department . . . 15; Transfer to Category of free person on release . . . 148; Total . 191. Net decrease . 52

Heading.	1927-28.	1926-27.	Difference.	Remarks.
SELF SUPPORTERS—*contd.*				
Valley—contd.				
Under coconuts .	58	298	—240	Transferred to ex-convicts after release . 71 Resumed on cancellation of license (through dredging operations) . 169
Total .	3,211	3,503	—292	
Hill—				
Under crops other than coconuts.	460	463	—3	20 acres allotted for cultivation and 23 acres were surrendered.
Under coconuts .	122	182	—60	On release taken over to list of free person.
TOTAL .	582	645	—63	
Total—				
Under crops other than coconuts.	3,613	3,668	—55	
Under coconuts .	180	480	—300	
TOTAL .	3,793	4,148	—355	
Valley—				
Under crops other than coconuts.	2,069	1,928	+141	148 acres were brought over from self supporters on their release. 7 acres acquired for experimental purposes.
Under coconuts .	493	224	+269	Due to issue of New Grants and Licenses 198 acres. Brought over from self supporters released 71 acres.
TOTAL .	2,562	2,152	+410	
FREE PERSONS—				
Hill—				
For crops other than coconuts.	1,156	1,203	—47	63 acres were surrendered and 16 newly allotted leaving net decrease 47.
Under coconuts .	2,838	2,690	+148	New grants and licenses issued 194 acres and area reverted to Government 46 acres. Net increase 148 acres.
TOTAL .	3,994	3,893	+101	
Total—				
Under crops other than coconuts.	3,225	3,131	+94	
Under coconuts .	3,331	2,914	+417	
TOTAL .	6,556	6,045	+511	

4. *Land demand and realization.*—The revenue realised under the various heads during the year under report as compared with that of last year was as follows:—

Heads.	1927-28.	1926-27.	Difference.	Remarks.
Land Rent	15,204 13 0	15,269 3 0	—64 6 0	Small decrease. Calls for no remarks.
Coffee	1,518 0 0	1,518 0 0	..	....
Coconut	7,945 15 0	6,865 7 0	+1,080 8 0	Increase is due to issue of new Grants and Licenses.
House Tax	1,713 1 0	1,316 6 0	+396 11 0	Increase represents the levy of enhanced rates under the new rules of assessments.
Grazing fees	9,048 1 0	8,701 14 0	+346 3 0	Number of cattle increased.
Malikana	173 2 0	40 4 0	+132 14 0	Increase is due to the recovery of last year's arrears.
Mutation fees	1,158 0 0	..	+1,158 0 0	A new cess.
Others	9,741 10 0	1,615 2 0	+8,126 8 0	The increase under the head is liable to fluctuations. Premium charges Rs. 6,885 and sale of surplus coconuts Rs. 2,503 have principally been responsible for the increase.
Foreign Liquor	3,140 0 0	2,250 0 0	+890 0 0	There was an all round increase under all the three excise licenses. The competition once again was responsible.
Country Liquors	3,638 4 0	1,596 12 0	+2,041 8 0	
Toddy	3,700 0 0	2,700 0 0	+1,000 0 0	
Shells	150 0 0	75 0 0	+75 0 0	Arrears for last year were realized.
Edible Birds' Nests	2,205 0 0	950 0 0	+1,255 0 0	820 represents the recovery arrears and 435 the increase in the license fee.
Ferry	6,349 2 0	4,552 12 0	+1,796 6 0	Rs. 139-2 represents last year's arrears and the balance is due to competition.
Total	65,685 0 0	47,450 12 0	+18,234 4 0	

5. *Self supporter convict cultivators.*—At the close of the year under report there were 1,350 self supporter convict cultivators against 1,255 in the preceding year. Of the former 857 were married. 366 convicts were given cultivators tickets in the course of the year against 138 during the previous year. 271 tickets were however subsequently withdrawn for the following reasons:—

(1) On Release	102
(2) On death	15
(3) On transfer to Indian Jail.	8
(4) On sentence of imprisonment	6
(5) Transferred to other professions	140
Total	271

The men transferred were bachelors who were not making good as cultivators.

6. *Free cultivators.*—The number of free cultivators increased from 674 to 727 and the number of occupancy holders decreased from 291 to 289. Two tenants abandoned their holdings and one holding of 4 acres changed hands at a price of Rs. 950 or Rs. 237-8-0 an acre. 36 applications for conferment of occupancy rights were under consideration at end of the year. The occupancy tenants held 973 acres of land.

7. *Government Coconut Plantations.*—The total area is estimated at 513 acres as compared with 548 acres in the previous year. The plantations contain 8,997 trees in bearing and 11,115 non-bearing. The balance of coconuts in the depot at the commencement of the year was 15,913 the total number of nuts collected amounted to 1,44,759 against 1,89,421 in the previous year the average being about 16 per tree against 20 in 1926-27. 1,26,474 nuts were sent to the Oil F..ctory in the Cellular Jail for the extraction of oil and 22,090 were sold or issued as free gifts to convicts and Nicobarese leaving a balance of 12,108 in the depots at the close of the year. A daily average of 20 convicts was employed on the plantations.

8. *Vegetable.*—The total area under vegetables worked by convict labour was 9 acres with an yield of 26,476 lbs. which was issued to convicts as rations. The daily average of convicts employed was 44. The reduction of the area under cultivation was made owing to the bulk of the convicts being now on wages and not on rations.

The vegetable garden at Navy Bay has been abolished.

9. *Cesses collected.*—Cesses collected during the last two years at the rates in force :—

Heading.	1927-28.	1926-27.	Difference.	Remarks.
	Rs. As.	Rs. As.	Rs. As.	
Educational Cess . .	2,209 12	1,894 5	+315 7	Increase is due to increase in land revenue and house tax on which the cess is charged.
Chaukidari fee . .	8,087 6	9,242 1	—1,154 11	The Chaukidari fee from S. S. Government servants was discontinued during the year, hence the decrease.
Conservancy fee . .	2,671 15	2,999 12	—327 13	Ditto
Salutri fee . . .	2,144 4	2,000 12	+143 8	Number of cattle increased.

10. *Cattle.*—The total number of cattle in the Settlement at the close of the year was as follows :—

Cows.	Young Stock.	Bulls and bullocks.	Buffaloes and Calves.	Total.
2,096	2,342	2,075	3,226	9,739

Of these 502 were owned by Government. There were also 4,569 goats and 263 sheep.

There were also 27 male elephants and 24 female elephants owned by Government.

11. *Taqavi.*—During the year under report Rs. 27,000 was advanced on taqavi loans to cultivators. Rs. 27,658-2 was collected and Rs. 1,251-6 remitted leaving a total outstanding Rs. 1,08,579-9 at the end of the year.

12. *Agriculture.*—(1) In May 1927 Mr. G. I. Kovoor, B.Sc., (Wales) was appointed Agricultural Officer and placed in charge of the Agricultural operations of the administration to supervise private plantations, gardens and fields and to advise generally in agricultural matters. He also instructs as agricultural class in the Government school.

Inspections.—(2) Inspections of plantations, gardens and villages were made. The following insect pests and fungoid disease have been noticed and necessary instructions were given to control and eradicate them. With the exception of those marked with an asterisk none of these are at present serious.

Crop.	Fungoid diseases.	Insect Pests.	Localities.
Paddy	Sclerotial disease (Sclerotium Oryzae Catt).	..	South Point.
Do.	False Smut (Ustilaginoidea Virens.)	..	Mannar Ghat and Malapuram.
Do.	..	Swarming Caterpillar (Spodoptera Mauritia Boisd).	Ferrar Ganj and Mitha Khari.
Do.	..	Case Worm (Nymphula Depunotalis Gn.).	Fairly common in all villages.
Do.	..	Rice Bug (Leptolorisa Varicornis Distant).	Malapuram and Mannar Ghat.
Coconut	Leaf Spot (Pestalozzia)	..	Fairly common in all places.
Do.	Root Disease (Botryodiplodia sp.).	..	Viper and Mithla Khari.
Do.	Bud Rot. (Phytophthora Palmivora).	..	Mitha Khari.
Do.	Nutfall disease (Phytophthora sp.).	..	North Bay.
Do.	Steam Bleeding (Thielaviopsis Paradoxa).	..	Fairly common in most of the plantations.
Do.	..	Slug Caterpillar (Thosea Unifascia Wilk.).	Port Mouat. Serious in 1924 only.
Do.	..	Scale Insects (Aspidiotus Destructor Sign).	Common in all plantations.
Sugarcane	Leaf Spot (Leptosphaeria Sacchari).	..	Port Mouat and Lamba Line.
Do.	Red Rot (Colletotrichum Falcatum).	..	Port Mouat and Mount Harriet.
Do.	..	Stem Borer	Mount Harriet.
Do.	..	Sucking Insects	Manjeri and Haddo.

Cotton	..	Red Cotton Bug (Dysdercus Cingulatus).	Burma Nala, rare.
Do.	..	Scale Insects (Aspidiotus sp.)	Viper.
Oranges and Limes	..	Ditto	Ross.
Ditto	*Die Back (Colletotrichum Gloeosporioides).	..	Very common in all places.
Ditto	*Sooty Mould (Meliola Butleri).	..	Mount Harriet.
Mangosteens	*Die Back	..	Haddo.
Mangoes	Sooty Mould (Capnodium Sp.).	..	Common in all trees.
Do.	..	*(Cryptorhynchus Mangifire Fb.)	Viper.
Coffee	Rust (Hemileia Vastatrix).	..	Dhanikhari.
Tea	Red Rust. (Cephaleuros Mycoidea).	..	Kalatang.
Rubber	Die Back	..	Goplakabung.
Pine Apple	Fruit Rot. (Thielaviopsis Paradoxa).	..	North Bay.
Plantains	..	Beetles	Mithakhari.
Do.	*Fruit Rot (Gloeosporium Musarum).	..	Very common in all places.
Tomato	*Wilt (Fusarium Sp.)	..	In all gardens.

(3) *Seed Selection and Distribution.*—Ten thousand seed coconuts have been selected locally for the nursery from which selected seedlings will be distributed.

The seeds distributed during the year were as follows :—

Paddy	49,588 lbs. (C. 15—10 Hmawbi).	
Cotton	10 lbs. Roseum	Imported from Economic Botanist, Nagpur.
"	10 lbs. Veerum	
"	10 lbs. Bani	

Economic Work on Crops.—(4) (1) *Paddy.*—Trials were made in economic transplanting of seedlings by adopting single seedling system in small plots of selected cultivators' land at School Line, Garacherama Taylerabad, Dhanikhari and Ferrar Ganj. Results of these trials were not conclusive but they seemed to be encouraging. Further trials are in progress and if they succeed a considerable decrease in seed rate and better yield are expected.

(ii) *Coconut.*—Trials in cultural methods were started in August 1927 in the Corbyn's Cove coconut plantation. The total area of the plantation is 16 acres. Out of which 8 acres are flat land and the rest hilly. There were 968 trees in all, among them 547 were in bearing. At present there are 933 trees, the rest having been cut down owing to overcrowding.

The number of bearing trees rose from 547 to 570 during the year. The yield obtained from August 1927 to March 1928 (for 8 months) was 6334 nuts against 2,800 nuts for 12 months of the previous year. This is in part due to better supervision.

(iii) *Cotton.*—Trials were made on a small scale at Viper with three varieties of cotton. Sea Island Cotton (seeds locally collected) were sown during the third week of July 1927 in a plot of about 50 cents. Another variety of seed locally collected (Resembling Peruvian Cotton) was sown at the same time in a plot of about 25 cents. A third variety, Sea Island Cotton (seeds imported from West Indies) was sown in a plot of about 10 cents during the third week in August 1927. The crops except the last variety which was sown very late came up well. The first picking started in the month of February 1928 and continued during March. The yield cannot be stated as the picking is not yet over. All the varieties produced very fine types of cotton of which the imported Sea Island variety is the best.

(iv) *Sugarcane.*—The following Coimbatore and Java varieties of canes were sown in small plots at Haddo during the months of January and February 1928 and are under trial :—

Co. 204	Coimbatore.
Co. 205	
Co. 210	
Co. 213	
Co. 281	
Co. 290	
P. O. J. 2714	Java.
P. O. J. 2725	
P. O. J. 2727	
B. 247	
B. 3412	

(v) *Bananas.*—The following Burma varieties were sown in a small plot at Viper in September 1927 and are under trial :—

1. Shwe Nga Pyaw.
2. Thi. Thmwe.
3. Wet-Ma-Laut.
4. Nga Moung Mwe.

(vi) *Pulse Crops.*—Seeds of Kulthi (Dolichos Biflorus L.), Urid (Phaseolus Mungo L.), Mung (Phaseolus Radiatus L.) and three varieties of Lobia were imported from Travancore and sown in small plots at Viper in November 1927 and harvested in January 1928. They were quite a success and the seeds are reserved for further sowing.

(vii) *Tapioca or Cassava.*—(Manihot Utilissima) Cuttings were imported from Travancore in November 1927 and planted in small plots at Viper and Corbyns' Cove in the same month. They are coming up well in both the plots.

(viii) *Fruit Trees.*—The following varieties of seedlings have been imported in December 1927 from Burma for trial and will be planted at Haddo plot as soon as the rains start :—

Mangoes.

Mangosteens.

Rambutans.

Durians.

Grape Vine.

African Oil Palms.

Implements.—(5) The following improved iron ploughs were imported in January 1928 and are under trial :—

Konkan plough (for paddy land), Malanad plough (for hill side ploughing) Kirloskar plough No. 12 and Burma plough.

Agricultural Education.—(6) During the year there were six students attending agricultural classes in the High School. The Agricultural Syllabus for the High Schools of the Burma Education Department was followed. In the annual examination four students were successful.

Agricultural Show.—(7) An agricultural show was held at the Gymkhana Ground on the 11th February 1928. Agricultural products, cattle, poultry, improved agricultural implements, manures and other products of local industries were exhibited. Cultivators from all parts of the Settlement took keen interest in the show and it was quite a success.

CHAPTER VII.

FINANCE—(1927-28).

Receipts and Expenditure. Appendix 11.—The total receipts amounted to Rs. 16,33,964 against Rs. 14,30,735 and the expenditure Rs. 39,64,665 against Rs. 40,08,433 in the previous year. These include the figures for Forest and Public Works Departments. The difference in the figures for 1926-27 as given in the last report and those now given for that year is due to further adjustments by the Accountant-General, Central Revenues.

2. *Cost of convicts.*—The gross cost of each convict was Rs. 545 and net cost Rs. 320 as against Rs. 536 and Rs. 345 respectively in the previous year but these figures and the heading of Appendix III to this report are misleading, since an analysis of the gross expenditure in order to determine the actual expenditure incurred in guarding and maintaining convicts is no longer possible. Such allocation might have been possible when the Settlement existed entirely for the incarceration of convicts, but the increasing expenditure—*e.g.*, on roads, public works, forests, agricultural development, reclamations, etc.,—arising out of the policy of developing the Andamans into a free colony can no longer be taken into account in calculating the cost of upkeep of the declining strength of the convict population. It is proposed to omit this paragraph from the Annual Report in future.

3. *Receipts Increase.*—The main increase in receipts occurs under the following heads for reasons noted against each—

(1) *V. Land Revenue.*—Due to further grants of land and licenses.

(2) *VI. Excise.*—Due to higher bids for licenses.

(3) *XVI. Interest.*—Due to more advances and loans and consequent increase of interest.

(4) *XVIII. Jails and Convict Settlement. Convict Receipts.*—

(*a*) *Sale of Settlement produce.*—Due to increased purchase by free residents.

(*b*) *Hire of convicts.*—Due to the supply of more labour on hire to planters and cash recovery of labour supplied to Departments, hitherto adjusted *pro-formâ*.

(*c*) *Sale of Stores.*—Due to the sale of a stock of Zinc pig not required for use and supply of stores to the tea garden lessees for repairs to tea factory plant.

(*d*) *Unclaimed and Intestate Property.*—Due to more intestate property of free and S. S. being unclaimed during the year.

(*e*) *Miscellaneous.*—Due to more fines inflicted on free and S. S. during the year, increase under educational cess owing to increase in land revenue and house tax demands, higher bids under ferry dues owing to increasing use of the ferries,

increase in Landing and Shipping dues in the Marine Department due to development of trade and increase under license fees on Motor Vehicles due to the increase in the number of vehicles.

(*f*) *Public Works Department.*—Due to recovery of rent for married self supporters' quarters, increase in sale of electric current, sale of certain Public Works Department buildings and G. I. Sheets not required for Department use to Forest Department and more credits afforded on account of Departmental charges of Tools and Plant for other Departments' works.

(*g*) *Forest.*—Due to larger sales and the development of a market for matchwood in Rangoon.

4. *Receipts—Decrease.*—The main decrease under receipts occurs under the following head and is due to causes noted against it :—

(1) *Chaukidari Fees.*—Due to the discontinuance of the collection of the fees from self supporter Government servants who live in barracks.

5. *Expenditure—Increase.*—The main increase occurs under the following heads and is due to causes noted against each.

25. *Jails and Convict Settlement—Convict Charges at Port Blair—*

(1) *Establishment and Contingencies.*—Due to the Assistant Commissioners drawing higher rate of pay while officiating in the selection grade in their Provincial Cadre, the general increase on the pay of clerical establishment owing to increments and the increase in the agricultural establishment.

(2) *Educational Establishment.*—Due to the revision of the pay of teachers and the opening of schools in more villages.

(3) *Medical Establishment.*—The increase is small and due to annual increments and more leave salary paid owing to Senior Sub-Assistant Surgeons being on leave.

(4) *Veterinary Establishment.*—Due to the revision of the pay.

(5) *Marine Establishment.*—Due to the creation of additional appointments for skilled workers.

(6) *Jail Establishment.*—Due to annual increments, the creation of a Temporary Tahsildar's post, and increased travelling allowances drawn by them.

(7) *Police Establishment.*—Due to revision of pay of Naicks and Sepoys and the adjustment of a portion of Captain West's pay during the year.

(8) *Supplies and Services—*

(*a*) *Subsistence money to convicts.*—Due to grant of more self supporter tickets in accordance with the policy of developing a free colony.

(*b*) *Passage money to S. S. families.*—Due to importation of more families.

(*c*) *Famine relief.*—Due to extensive famine relief work owing to failure of crops.

(*d*) *Charges Maharaja.*—Owing to the increased tonnage of the new Maharaja, the cost of hire and coal has increased. The cost of launches, etc., supplied by the Marine Department for transhipment of cargo, etc., was adjusted on *pro-formâ* in previous years.

(*e*) *Charges Station Steamer.*—The expenditure in 1926-27 was less as the R. I. M. S. Station Vessel was working for 7 months and the chartered vessel "Shahzada" worked for the remaining 5 months.

(*f*) *Public Works Department.*—Due to more earth oiling done and extensive repairs to roads damaged by floods and also additional establishment.

(*g*) *Forest.*—Due to increase of activities as reflected in the revenue and the adjustment of about Rs. 52,700 relating to 1926-27.

6. *Expenditure Decrease.*—The main decrease falls under the following heads and is due to reasons explained against each :—

(1) 19. *Interest.*—The number of war bonds bearing interest was reduced during the year owing to some of them having been discharged on maturity.

(2) 25. *Jails and Convict Settlement—Convict Charges at Port Blair—*

(1) *Commissariat Establishment.*—Due to employment of Junior Officer and non-employment of full complement of subordinate staff.

(2) *Supplies and Services—*

(*a*) *Maintenance Motor Lorries.*—Due to measures of economy.

(*b*) *Ration to Police.*—Due to fall in prices to vacancies in the battalion and withdrawal of Kachin Force.

(*c*) *Commissariat Supplies.*—Due to further reduction in the strength of labouring convicts.

(*d*) *Forest Supplies.*—Due to purchase of less fuel owing to reduction in labouring convict strength.

(*e*) *Clothing for Police and Convict, etc.*—Decrease under convict clothing due to causes noted under (*c* and *d*) and under Police clothing due to the necessity for issue of full uniforms not having arisen.

(*f*) *Marine Supplies.*—Due to purchase of less coal owing to the withdrawal of R. I. M. S. vessel and large credits received from Burma Oil Company for empty petrol drums returned.

(*g*) *Medical Supplies.*—Less medicine purchased owing to sufficient stock.

(*h*) *Telephone Rent.*—Slight decrease apparently due to non-adjustment of bills in full.

(*i*) *Passage money.*—Due to reduction in the freight rate on coal and non-adjustment of some recovery claims during the year.

(*j*) *Dredger Operations.*—Operations continued only during a portion of the year.

CHAPTER VIII.

COMMISSARIAT DEPARTMENT.

Executive Commissariat Officer.—Captain F. M. Wardle, I.A.S.C., from 1st April 1927, to 15th March 1928, and Captain H. L. Ogden, I.A.S.C., from 16th March, 1928, to 31st March 1928.

2. *Contracts.*—The Government Dairy Farm supplied milk to the British and Indian Infantry Hospitals and to the General Hospitals and the residents, while contractors supplied the milk required for Civil Hospitals and for the manufacture of *dahi*. Chickens and eggs required for hospitals as well as sundry articles were also obtained by contract.

3. *Rations supplied.*—The average number of British and Indian Troops and convicts rationed daily were 118,108, and 800 respectively.

4. *Stores and supplies.*—During the year under report the mail steamer conveyed stores and supplies from the Indian Army Service Corps, Calcutta, invoiced at Rs. 1,32,249-2-0. Stores valued at Rs. 56,828-5-0 were also imported from Calcutta and Rangoon. Sundry articles, *viz.*, milk, *dahi*, etc., valued at Rs. 26,414 were purchased locally to meet the demands of the hospitals and Settlement. The consignments of Government stores during the year were generally satisfactory.

5. *Machinery.*—A new ice plant was installed and worked satisfactorily under contract.

6. *Farms.*—Owing to the failure of local supply all the slaughter cattle required had to be imported from Calcutta.

7. *Cattle disease.*—Cattle diseases have been less frequent during the year among imported cattle, but more so among indigenous cattle.

8. *Fodder.*—The increase in the number of self supporters' cattle resulted in the eating down of the grass on much of the unfenced Commissariat lands. Steps were taken to have all the lands mapped and demarcated. An increase in poundage fees was introduced and the fencing of the more important lands was completed.

9. *Beef and Mutton supply.*—On the 31st March 1927, there were 148 sheep and 44 lambs on charge of the Department. During the year under review 690 sheep and 4 lambs were imported from Calcutta, 33 received by transfer from the batch of lambs, 42 lambs were born. Of this number 481 were slaughtered 124 sheep and 7 lambs died, 3 live sheep were issued on payment, leaving a balance of 263 sheep and 50 lambs in hand on the 31st March 1928. The average price paid for each sheep at Calcutta was Rs. 9-6-0 and the average weight of each carcase was 17 pounds. Allowing for casualties and care of the animals, the price of the sheep in the slaughter house was Rs. 21-3-0 approximately. The price at which mutton was sold remained at Rs. 1-4-0 per pound. There were no goats on hand at the beginning of the year. 265 were imported from Calcutta, 6 were received from Nicobars and 48 were purchased locally. Of this number 218 were slaughtered, 29 died, 5 transferred to sheep farm, 12 issued on payment, leaving a balance of 55 in hand

on the 31st March 1928. The average price paid for each goat at Calcutta was Rs. 14 and the average weight of each carcase was 22 pounds. The price of goat mutton remained at Re. 1 per pound. There were 145 slaughter cattle on hand at the beginning of the year; 114 were purchased locally, 455 imported from Calcutta, 18 were received from the Dairy Farm, 10 received by transfer from draught bullocks, 1 received from Settlement bulls, 33 slaughter calves were born. Of this number 564 were slaughtered, 28 died, 11 transferred to draught, 11 destroyed, 30 calves died, leaving a balance of 132 slaughter cattle in hand on the 31st March 1928. The average price paid was Rs. 40 for locally purchased animals and Rs. 39 for those imported as against Rs. 45 and 41 last year, and their average outturn weight here were 105 and 91 pounds respectively as against 151 and 97 pounds last year. The average cost including freight and casualties of an imported animal at the staughter house was Rs. 53-8-0 approximately. Last year the price was Rs. 65-8-0. The price of beef remained at Rs. 0-7-0 per pound.

10. *Dairy Farm.*—The stock was as follows :—

	31st March 1927.	31st March 1928.
Bulls	4	4
Cows	41	53
Cow calves	58	45
Bull calves	33	38
Buffalo bulls	..	2
Buffalo cows	42	41
Buffalo cow calves	28	23
Buffalo bull calves	27	19

A sum of Rs. 2,72,242-7-9 was realised and Rs. 2,83,507-4-1 was expended during the year thus showing a loss of Rs. 11,264-12-4 at the close of the year.

The Dairy Farm Overseer was sent for a course of instruction in Dairy Training at Jubbulpore and returned in August 1927.

The live stock of the Dairy Farm has been increased by the importation of 18 Hissar cows and the milk outturn from Government cows has been increased from 200 to 350 pounds daily. The price of milk has been increased from 10 to 8 pounds to the rupee.

11. *Cattle breeding.*—The total number of Government stud bulls in the Settlement at the end of the year was 25. The system of letting the bulls roam with the village cattle still continues where feasible. The number of village bull calves castrated was 166.

12. *Goat Farm.*—At the end of the year there were 8 she goats and two kids at the farm. 1 goat received from the batch of kids.

13. *Animal Transport.*—There were 125 draught bullocks and 9 buffalo bullocks on the 31st March 1928.

14. *Piggery.*—The piggery has been abolished as the demand for pork was not sufficient to cover expenses.

15. *General.*—The convict ration strength has fallen from 2,230 to 800 and the clerical establishment has been reduced by 2. The convict establishment has also been reduced by 77.

CHAPTER IX.

PUBLIC WORKS.

1. *Charge.*—Mr. R. W. Lindsay, Assistant Engineer, held charge of the Division throughout the year.

2. *Disposal of Buildings.*—A few buildings for which there was no use were sold by auction and others were dismantled and all serviceable materials utilised in the maintenance of other buildings and repair works. Some of the buildings were also rented to non-officials.

3. *Receipts—XXXI. Civil Works.*—The revenue realised as detailed below amounted to Rs. 8,880-1-8 :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
(1) Rent of Buildings	4,348	6	0
(2) Electric Installations	1,873	14	0
(3) Miscellaneous	1,651	6	3
(4) Recoveries of Expenditure	1,001	15	5
(5) Interest on Cemetery Endowments	4	8	0
TOTAL . .	8,880	1	8

4. *Expenditure—47. Military Works.*—An allotment of Rs. 6,890-0-0 was placed at the disposal of the Chief Commissioner for the maintenance of the Military buildings of which Rs. 6,561-0-0 was expended.

A barrack sergeant was entertained throughout the year to look after Military furniture.

A Shark proof enclosure was erected around the Troops' swimming bath on Ross foreshore.

5. *Expenditure—41. Civil Works.*—The budget estimate amounted to Rs. 1,61,600 and the actual expenditure as compared to grants was as given below :—

Voted.

—	Minor Works.			Repairs.						
	Buildings.	Communications.	Miscellaneous.	Buildings.	Communications.	Miscellaneous.	Establishment.	Tools and Plant.	Suspense.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs,.
Revised Budget allotment.	11,300	3,000	14,000	69,000	20,000	3,000	3,75,000	3,500	..	1,61,300
Actual Expenditure	11,500	2,720	13,927	69,570	19,973	2,727	36,231	3,015	3,232	1,56,431

Non-Voted.

1927-28.	Repairs to buildings. Rs.	A.	P.
Revised Budget allotment	300	0	0
Actual Expenditure	212	0	0

6. *Suspense Balance.*—There was one uncashed cheque at the close of the year amounting to Rs. 100 due to the Contractor not going to the Treasury in time to cash it.

7. *Capital cost of Buildings.*—The capital cost of the buildings in the Settlement now stands at Rs. 63,00,000.

8. *Details of Expenditure.*—Appendix VI gives details of cash expenditure amounting to Rs. 1,56,643. The cost of convict labour and local materials, *i.e.*, stone, bricks, lime, surkhi, etc., utilised on works was valued at Rs. 70,485 the total expenditure amounted to Rs. 2,27,128.

9. *Purchase of Timber.*—Sawn timber and shingles to the value of Rs. 21,436 were purchased from the local Forest Department for Minor Works and repairs to buildings. As the Forest Department could not supply all the shingles required an order was placed with Messrs. Steel Brothers, Rangoon, for the supply of 50,000 teak shingles.

10. *Work carried out during the year.*—In addition to the ordinary annual repairs to buildings and the maintenance of the various pumping plants, Electric Power Station and Workyards, special repairs were carried out to several buildings and convict barracks. Several of the latter were reroofed with shingles and the Corrugated Iron roofs of some Bhandaras or Cook houses were renewed. Medical Building No. 18 at Haddo was reconstructed into two sets of quarters for Sub-Assistant Surgeons and improvements were carried out to the Surgical Ward. Two hospital barracks on Ross were reroofed throughout with shingles. The Office of the Commandant Military Police was overhauled and painted, and bathing sheds for Hindus and Mohammedan of the Military police were constructed at the bathing tank. Additional accommodation for imported educational staff was provided and two of the school barracks were overhauled and reroofed with shingles. Plans for new village schools were made and buildings erected by the Educational Department at various outstation villages. Commissariat. A godown on Ross not required by this Department was dismantled. Improvements were carried out to the Navy Bay Dairy buildings and Barrack No. 116 Aberdeen Transport Lines was overhauled and reroofed.

Post and Telegraph.—A glazed verandah was added to the engine house of the Wireless Station.

The quarters of the Wireless Operators were painted throughout. Iron barred fittings were fixed to the counter windows of the Post Office in place of the expanded metal ones.

Pumping Plants.—The various pumping plants worked well and there was no shortage of water on Aberdeen. The Hope Town Tank which invariably runs dry during March and April of every year did so again and water for the residents on Ross Island and for launches was taken from the plant at Bamboo Flat. During the year it was found possible to make up one Windmill out of the two that had been damaged by cyclones. This one was reerected at the Dilthaman Tank and is now in use.

Residences.—Several motor garages were constructed as the existing residential buildings had no garages for cars. The quarters for the Manager of the Bhantu Colony at Ferrar Ganj were completed and handed over for

occupation in June 1927. Jetties. The *teredo navalis* still continues to play havoc with the wooden piles supporting the jetties. It was found that Gurjan piles were useless unless creosoted. The Forest Department have a creosoting plant which will be used in future for this purpose. As regards Ross Jetty an endeavour is being made to replace all the smaller piles by reinforced concrete ones. About ten were put in during the year.

11. *Stone Quarry.*—The stone quarry at Namunaghar produced. 12 c.ft. Ashlar, 42,660 c.ft. Rubble stone, 248 c.ft. Drainstone, 1 No. Tomb stone at an estimated value of Rs. 2,697-2-0 as compared with Rs. 2,016 of the year previous.

12. *Lime Kiln.*—The lime manufactured amounts to c.ft. 29,550 costing Rs. 11,081-4-0 as against 24,580 c.ft. The output suffered from the want of fuel due to the shortage of lighters.

13. *Surkhi Mill.*—Surkhi manufactured during the year amounted to 25,310 c.ft. costing Rs. 7,909-6-0. All inferior bricks burnt at the kilns at Dundas Point were converted into surkhi. Surkhi is also made from mud balls burnt at the kiln and then put into the crushing machine at the mill.

14. *Brick making.*—During the year 1927-28 the brickfield work went on steadily. In October 1927 the land was cleared of all jungle and repairs to the sheds for pug mills, moulders and for storage of the sun dried bricks were carried out.

From November 1927—March 1928 the making of bricks was carried on and with a daily average of 25 men it was possible to produce a fair outturn of 1,32,400 sun dried bricks and 45,000 surkhi balls.

The loading of the bricks into the kiln and the burning of them went on from April 1928 till end of September 1928.

The result after burning was as follows :—

78,000 2nd class bricks.

14,400 3rd class bricks.

45,000 surkhi balls.

Out of the 1,32,400 sun dried bricks 15,000 could not be burnt till after September 1928. This was due to the irregular supply of firewood. After burning it was found that 25,000 bricks were damaged and these bricks and balls are being ground into surkhi for various works.

Owing to the scarcity of labour only 2 moulds and one pug mill were used.

Two pairs of bullocks worked on the pug mill and one pair of buffaloes on transporting the sun dried bricks to the kiln.

The total number of bullocks used during the year was 440 and buffaloes 92.

The total amount of fuel consumed to end of August was 283½ cords of which a large proportion was green and useless for burning.

It will be noticed that no 1st class bricks for building purposes were turned out. This is due to the inferior clay collected from the high ground near the brickfields. All suitable clay close by has been used up in past years and to get better result next year, better clay will have to be collected from a

greater distance probably from near the Andamanese Home. This will mean the laying of a "Decauville" track to the clay field.

15. *Communications.*—Maintenance and ordinary repairs were carried out to all the roads and 16 miles of road given a renewal coat during the year. A contractor was employed during the year to supply road metal. There are at present approximately 70 miles of metalled roads, part of which is maintained by the Settlement authorities apart from the P. W. D. Bridges, culverts and sluices are constructed and repaired by this department and several wooden girders of bridges were replaced by steel girders owing to the introduction of road rollers. The two large bridges at Homfray Ganj were thoroughly overhauled and all the timbers renewed.

16. *Sluices.*—These in the past have been a source of great trouble. The gates of most of them are of the wooden flap door type, and owing to the ravages of the "teredo navalis" are continually giving trouble and permitting salt water to enter cultivated fields. The replacement of these by the installation of "Calco" automatic drainage gates is going on yearly and the following were installed during the year:—

	Diameter.
I. Jangli Ghat, 3 gates	36″
II. Bamboo Flat, 2 gates	48″
III. Mutlah Bay, 2 gates	48″
IV. Charlotte Bay, 2 gates	48″
V. Phoenix Bay, 2 gates	42″
VI. Sipi Ghat, 10 gates	42″
VII. Sipi Ghat, 1 gate	36″

The sluice at Port Mouat is in hand and will have 5 gates 42″ in diameter. This completes the programme for 1927-28. More old wooden sluices during the ensuing year will also be treated in this manner. A bund 900 feet long with a sluice of 3 gates of 48″ diameter is in hand at Maymyo creek and will shortly be completed. Contractors were employed during the latter part of the year in filling up the low lying portions ot some of the reclaimed areas of swamps. Those treated this year were Bamboo Flat, Charlotte Bay (portion only) and Navy Bay on both sides of Jangli Ghat Jetty.

17. *Works done by Departmental Agency on road, etc.—Roads.*—276,354 R. ft. of roads were repaired or remetalled and 220 R. ft. of roads was made.

Drains.—264,869 R. ft. of drains were cleaned.

Temporary Building.—289 huts of sizes were erected and all existing buildings were put in repairs where necessary.

Stone breaking.—635,880 c.ft. of road metal gravel and dust was turned out during the year by the stone crusher and convicts at various stations.

Bunds.—1,847 R. ft. of bund were made and 40,000 R. ft. of bunds were repaired.

CHAPTER X.

EDUCATION.

1. *Management.*—The schools were managed by a committee consisting of:—

The Deputy Commissioner as President,

Two Assistant Commissioners,

Two members of the Local Born Association,

A Tahsildar representing the Mappillas,

The Head Master and

The Chaplain as Secretary.

2. *No. of schools: Appendix XXIX.*—At the end of the year under report there were 20 schools in the Settlement, *viz.*, one Anglo-Vernacular High and Middle School at South Point and 19 Primary Schools located as shown in Appendix XXIX. Four schools (Haddo, Manpur, Aberdeen and Borington) were opened during the year and the Girls' School at Lamba Line and Anglo-Vernacular Primary School at Aberdeen were affiliated to the main school at South Point. Four new buildings were erected in the year at a cost of Rs. 1,500 each at Protheroepore, Calicut, Muslim Basti and Tusonabad.

3. *Staff.*—The staff consisted of one Head Master and 20 Assistant Masters for the Anglo-Vernacular and 35 teachers for Vernacular schools; 23 of the latter were convicts. There were six mistresses in the girls' school, but near the end of the year one lady teacher in English was employed. The number of trained certificated teachers was eight.

4. *Finance.*—The expenditure was Rs. 40,721 against Rs. 27,967-3-0 in 1926-27. The increase is due to the revision of pay of the staff, provision of 4 permanent school buildings and the grant of 2 extra scholarships for Agricultural and medical training. The income realized and credited to Government amounted to Rs. 3,987-3-0 chiefly from school fees and educational cess.

5. *Inspection.*—Quarterly inspections of schools were made by the Head Master and occasionally by the members of the school committee and Secretary. The Inspector of Schools from Rangoon, along with the Deputy Inspector of Mohammedan Schools, Rangoon, inspected the Government High School and a number of out-lying schools and made useful suggestions which have been acted upon.

6. *Attendance: Appendix XXIX.*—Appendix XXIX shows the number of boys and girls of convict and free parentage studying in the various schools as well as their average daily number and attendance. There were 383 pupils of free and 493 of convict parentage against 375 and 303 in 1926-27. The increase of the latter is due to increased number of Mappilla and Bhantu children.

7. *Examinations.*—Eleven students sat for the High School and fourteen for the Middle School Examinations of the Burma Education Department, against nine and fourteen respectively last year. Two out of the eleven and eleven out of the fourteen were successful. The former result is not entirely satisfactory but may be due to the fact that the method of marking in examination was changed, and a higher standard set. The Middle School result is the best yet obtained by this school.

8. *Book Depôt and Library.*—The Book Depôt had books to the value of Rs. 647-11-6 in stock at the end of the year, no books having been sold during the year.

Library.—208 books to the value of Rs. 117-14-0 were purchased and added to the Library bringing the total number of books to 1,308.

9. *Drill and Games.*—Drill instruction is given daily.

Hockey, Football and Cricket were played during the year. A separate playground for small boys was maintained with the result that the number of boys taking part in games was almost doubled. The school team competed for the Ferrar and Gymkhana Hockey Cups. It may be recorded that they had held the Gymkhana Cup for three consecutive seasons, and a replica is being given to them.

10. The Annual School sports were held on December 21st, 1927.

CHAPTER XI.

MILITARY.

The detachment of Indian Infantry was removed on 24th December 1927 and the buildings occupied by it were made over to the Settlement. The normal garrison will in future consist of one company of British Infantry.

2. The strength of the Garrison on the 31st March 1928 was as follows :—

Detachment, 1st Battalion, the Q. O. Cameron Highlanders—	
British Officers	3
British other ranks	130
British Station Hospital—	
Medical Officer	1
Medical Subordinate	1
Other Subordinates	5
Followers	21

CHAPTER XII.

Marine and Shipping.

1. The Office of the Engineer and Harbour Master and Shipping Officer was held by Engineer Lieutenant-Commander S. B. Trenoweth, R.I.M., up to 31st January 1928 and from 1st February 1928 by Engineer Lieutenant-Commander G. L. Annett, R.I.M.

1 (*a*). *Men of War.*—H.M.S. "Effingham" visited the port on the 27th January 1928 and left for Madras on 3rd February 1928.

R.I.M.S. "Investigator" called at Port Blair for coal on 19th December 1927, and left for Chittagong on 22nd December 1927.

2. *Other Vessels.*—S.S. "Shahzada", "Maharaja", "Maharani" and "Ahmedi" carried out the mail service.

3. *Tonnage of vessels.*—The total tonnage of vessels which entered the port during the year was 68,866 against 66,989 during the previous year.

4. *Exports and Imports.*—The total value of imports amounted to Rs. 15,00,536 against Rs. 12,40,561 last year. Of this sum private persons imported goods to the value of Rs. 8,88,046 against Rs. 3,38,300 of last year. The rise coincides with the general development of the administration, and with the large increase in the number of S.S. convicts.

The following is the comparative statement showing description of value of stores imported during :—

	1926-27.	1927-28.
	Rs.	Rs.
Rice	1,24,245	1,83,289
Paddy	17,578	18,076
Atta	1,29,851	1,31,159
Dal	37,750	46,904
Sugar	58,358	89,142
Tea	4,943	6,575
Ghee	71,787	64,638
Oilman Store	1,08,495	64,100
Cloth	83,854	83,597
Tools and Stores and Machinery	3,39,083	2,52,596
Electric Plant	1,968	1,919
Cattle	31,952	1,24,056
Medical Stores	22,496	22,104
Ordnance Stores	20,094	4,206
Motor	7,354	32,065
Miscellaneous	1,80,753	3,76,110
Total	12,40,561	15,00,536

The estimated value of exports amounts to Rs. 20,51,493-4-0 against Rs. 12,22,069 in the previous year.

Private traders exported goods to the value of Rs. 2,15,259-12-0 against Rs. 1,61,359 last year.

A comparative statement showing description of articles exported and their value is annexed :—

	1926-27.			1927-28.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Elephant Tusk	..			604	0	0
Coconuts	1,09,242	8	0	1,41,154	12	0
Tea	3,500	0	0	14,100	0	0
Hide and Skin	9,275	0	0	8,775	0	0
Rubber	19,235	0	0	48,730	0	0
Coffee	300	0	0	2,500	0	0
Timber	10,32,723	0	0	13,94,566	0	0
Miscellaneous	47,793	8	0	4,41,063	8	0
Total .	12,22,069	0	0	20,51,493	4	0

5. *Landing and Shipping Charges.*—Rs. 4,128-12-0 were realized as landing charges against Rs. 2,709-9-0 and Rs. 5,077-15-0 in shipping charges against Rs. 5,808-2-0 in the previous year.

6. *Wreck.*—No wreck is known to have occurred off the coast of the islands during the year.

7. *Construction and Repair.*—One Surf Boat and one dinghy were constructed during the year and 70 boats, 23 lighters, 69 buoys were repaired at a cost of Rs. 30,137-8-0.

8. There were 148 vessels and 90 buoys on the books at the close of the year.

9. *Steam Launch.*—There were 6 steam launches and 5 motor boats in commission. S.L. "Akbar" has become unserviceable and is to be replaced by a new launch for which sanction has been obtained.

A steam cutter was built for the use of the Tahsildar at Nankauri.

The steam and motor vessels of the Marine Department were repaired at a cost of Rs. 15,938-1-0 and the Forest Department launches at Rs. 6,300-3-0.

10. *Water Carriage.*—The lighterage and towage work was carried out satisfactorily. The shortage of skilled labour rendered it difficult to maintain the lighters in perfect condition.

11. *Free Apprentice Stokers and Lascars.*—There were 14 apprentices at the beginning of the year. Two were newly engaged during the year, and two transferred to the permanent establishment, leaving 14 on the book at the close of the year. The system of training of free apprentices has been a ess.

Ferries.—Two Steam Ferries, up Harbour and Ross Aberdeen, were ly maintained.

13. *Convict Establishment.*—The strength was 542 against 555 in the previous year but the percentage of skilled men was low.

14. *Manufacture.*—Articles to the value of Rs. 18,200-12-0 were manufactured in the Marine Workshops for the use of the Settlement and other Departments of which Rs. 7,381-1-0 were realized in cash and Rs. 7,767-1-0 by recovery claim. The total outturn of the Marine Department during the year amounted to Rs. 2,21,720 against Rs. 2,26,689-15-0 in the previous year.

15. *Mail Service.*—The mail service was performed by (1) the S.S. "Maharani" (old "Maharaja") up to August 1927 and S.S. "Maharaja" (new vessel) to the end of the year and (2) S.S. "Shahzada" up to 15th May 1927 and S. S. "Ahmedi" to the end of the year. These vessels made the following trips to Calcutta, Madras and Rangoon, respectively :—

	Calcutta.	Madras.	Rangoon.
"Maharani"	5	*Nil*	4
"Maharaja"	8	1	2
"Shahzada"	*Nil*	*Nil*	1
"Ahmedi"	4	2	9

The latter two vessels also made 1 and 6 trips respectively to the Nicobars. The "Ahmedi" visited the light houses and light vessels off the coast of Burma during the period August-October carrying rations and reliefs.

16. *Receipts and Expenditure, Shipping Department.*—A sum of Rs. 9,51,741 was expended in meeting the charges on account of the running of the steam ships "Maharaja", "Shahzada" and "Ahmedi" against Rs. 7,41.787 in the previous year.

The increase is due to the charter of a larger vessel and the payment in cash for lighterage and towage hitherto adjusted by *pro-forma.*

The receipts amounted to Rs. 4,69,631 against Rs. 5,20,942 in the previous year. The decrease is partly due to reduction of freight charges to conform with the rate on other runnings and partly to non-adjustment of certain recovery claims.

CHAPTER XIII.

Post Office.

1. *Charge.*—Mr. J. R. Davis held charge throughout the year.

2. *Mails.*—The mails were conveyed by the S.S. "Maharaja" and the S.S. "Ahmedi".

3. *Postage Collections.*—Service and Postage stamps sold during the year amounted to Rs. 23,287 and the collection on unpaid letters was Rs. 222-1-6, total Rs. 23,509-1-6. The expenditure amounted to Rs. 9,884-5-0 excluding the subsidy paid for conveyance of mails against Rs. 20,473-5-0 and Rs. 9,090-3-0 respectively in the previous year.

4. *Money orders.*—10,906 money orders to the value of Rs. 3,99,269-5-10 were issued realising a commission of Rs. 4,582-12-0. The number of money orders paid was 866 amounting in value to Rs. 86,789-7-3 against 909 and Rs. 79,580-1-0 respectively of the previous year.

5. *British Postal Orders.*—246 British Postal Orders were sold and realised Rs. 1,628-2-0 against 222 realising Rs. 2,023-4-0 in the previous year. While the number of orders paid was 19 amounting in value to Rs. 173-1-0 against 7 and Rs. 26-9-0 respectively in the previous year.

6. *Enumeration.*—Enumeration of articles made in the month of August 1927 and February 1928 showed 8,468 against 9,619 of previous year.

7. *Savings Bank.*—The number of deposits during the year was 2,427 amounting to Rs. 2,00,143-3-1 and the number of withdrawals 1,281 amounting to Rs. 1,43,999-9-8 against deposits number 2,682 and Rs. 1,77,666-12-0 and withdrawals 1,561 and Rs. 1,58,599-12-0 respectively in the previous year.

8. *Cash certificates.*—158 certificates were sold realising Rs. 32,798-8-0 while 64 certificates valued at Rs. 14,546-8-0 including interest were cashed against 152, value Rs. 28,675 and 110, value Rs. 28,701-10-0 respectively in the previous year.

9. *Telegram.*—2,696 telegrams were booked realising Rs. 3,587-6-0 against 2,958 and Rs. 3,016-8-0 in the previous year.

10. *Inspection.*—The office was inspected twice during the year by the Divisional Superintendent of Post Offices.

CHAPTER XIV.

MEDICAL.

(This chapter relates to the Calender year 1927.)

Senior Medical Officer and Civil Surgeon, Major J. M. R. Hennessy, I.M.S.

2. *Meteorology.*—The total rainfall recorded in Ross Observatory was 96·17 inches compared with 129·20 inches last year. The average for the five preceding years was 117·02. The hottest month was April registering a temperature of 93·4, the coldest January the temperature falling to 68·8. The extreme variation for the year was 24·6. The mean temperature was 81·1, the mean maximum 86·0, and the mean minimum 76·2. The maximum reading of the barometer was 30·130 on the 29th November 1927, and the minimum 29·724 on the 31st May 1927.

3. *Convict Population.*—The convict population for 1927 and for each of the four preceding calender years was as follows :—

	Males.	Females.
1923	9,339	254
1924	8,304	236
1925	7,731	229
1926	7,291	235
1927	7,002	224

4. *Convict Barracks and Jails.*—The following table shows the capacity of barracks at Port Blair with the average number of prisoners living in them during the year ending 31st December 1927 :—

——	Capacity of barracks at 50 superficial feet per prisoner.			Average No. of prisoners above capacity.			Average No. of prisoners below capacity.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Cellular Jail . . .	802	..	802	..	..	..	409	16	425
Other Barracks . . .	2,436	..	2,436	..	..	..	1,473	..	1,473

A large number of self supporters living in Barracks are employed by Departments or have Government tickets. The superficial capacity is over and above the amount required for each convict.

5. *Hospitals.*—The hospital at Viper was moved to Dundas Point.

A Dispensary was opened at Maymyo on 21st November 1927.

6. *Diet.*—As the number of labouring convicts has been reduced to less than 60 by the more liberal grant of self-supporting tickets, the bhandara system of cooking is more or less extinct.

The gardens at Haddo supplied vegetables to Haddo and Ross Hospitals, and to other hospitals when a sufficient supply was available for issue. The

small gardens at Bamboo Flat and Dundas Point could not always meet the requirements of those hospitals. Fish was supplied by the Settlement when available.

7. *Water Supply.*—The water supply was good. The drinking water for Ross is conveyed by a lighter to Ross from Hope Town. The source of the supply is a Perennial Spring and catchment area enclosed and protected from contamination. Aberdeen water supply is obtained from Dilthaman tank and is distributed by pipe system. Both sources are free from water-borne diseases.

8. *General Health.*—The following table shows the sick and death rates for the past five years :—

	Per Mille.			
	Daily sick.		Deaths.	
	Labouring convicts.	Self supporters.	Labouring convicts.	Self supporters.
1923	46·97	14·81	35·46	14·84
1924	50·62	19·06	36·58	23·67
1925	44·40	14·10	24·66	14·41
1926	55·00	8·00	19·00	17·00
1927	42·32	20·94	15·84	14·43

The total number of deaths from diseases in the Settlement was 85 or 11·76 per mille of strength excluding 20 deaths from violence, *viz.* :—

Judicial hanging	4
Accidental	3
Homicidal	12
Suicidal hanging	1

The general health of the Settlement has improved and the death rate fell from 15·77 per mille of strength in 1926 to 11·76 in 1927.

The daily sick rate of labouring convicts in 1927 was much less than in 1926. These convicts are under direct supervision and their disabilities are taken in hand without delay. The self supporter is disinclined to report sick until he is totally incapacitated and hence mortality although not quite as high as in previous years is relatively high in comparison with the daily sick rate.

9. *Sick and Death Rates.*—The following figures compare the sickness and deaths for the past two calender years amongst the European Troops, Indian Troops, Police and convicts :—

	Per Mille.					
	Admission.		Daily sick.		Death from diseases.	
	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.
European Troops	571·43	646·55	32·6	22·02	..	..
Indian Troops	387·10	449·54	21·87	19·42	..	..
Police Force	892·67	460·24	26·10	16·48	1·70	..
Labouring Convicts	933·25	859·40	55·00	42·32	19·00	15·84
Self supporters convicts	303·60	376·23	8·00	20·94	17·00	14·43

The total admissions of convicts into Hospital during the year ending 31st December 1927 amounted to 3,014, and the number of deaths in hospital were 85. 20 deaths occurred out of hospital making a total of 105, compared with 3,871 admissions and 132 deaths during the previous year.

10. *Diseases.*—The following table shows the diseases, causing admission and deaths as compared with the past calender year :—

Diseases.	Admission.		Percentage to total admissions.		Deaths.		Percentage to total deaths.	
	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.
Jaundice	32	38	0·83	1·25	4	8	3·45	9·41
Black Water fever	1	..	0·08	..	..	..	..	..
Dysentery	167	73	4·31	*2·40*	15	8	12·93	9·41
Enteric fever	4	4	0·10	0·13	..	1	..	1·18
Enteritis	46	6	1·19	0·20	1	..	0·86	..
Influenza	18	44	0·47	1·45	..	3	..	3·53
Malarial fevers	1,567	893	40·48	*29·37*	17	10	14·66	11·76
Pneumonia	54	59	1·40	1·94	21	14	18·10	16·47
Small Pox	2	..	0·05	..	..	..	..	..
Venereal diseases	71	73	1·83	2·40	4	2	3·45	2·35
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	24	26	0·62	0·85	17	10	14·66	11·76
Scurvy	..	5	..	0·16	..	..	..	..
Respiratory diseases	244	241	6·30	7·93	5	5	4·31	5·89
Diarrhœas	26	34	0·67	1·11	..	..	..	..
Injuries	332	320	8·58	10·52	5	6	4·31	7·06
Ankylostomiasis	21	7	0·54	0·23	..	..	..	..
Sprue	..	2	..	0·07	..	..	..	..
Other causes	1,262	1,216	32·60	39·99	27	18	23·27	21·18
Total	3,871	3,041	100·00	100·00	116	85	100·00	100·00

A reduction in the Dysentery admissions from 167 to 73, Enteritis from 45 to 6, Malaria from 1,567 to 893, Ankylostomiasis from 21 to 7 points to a healthy year.

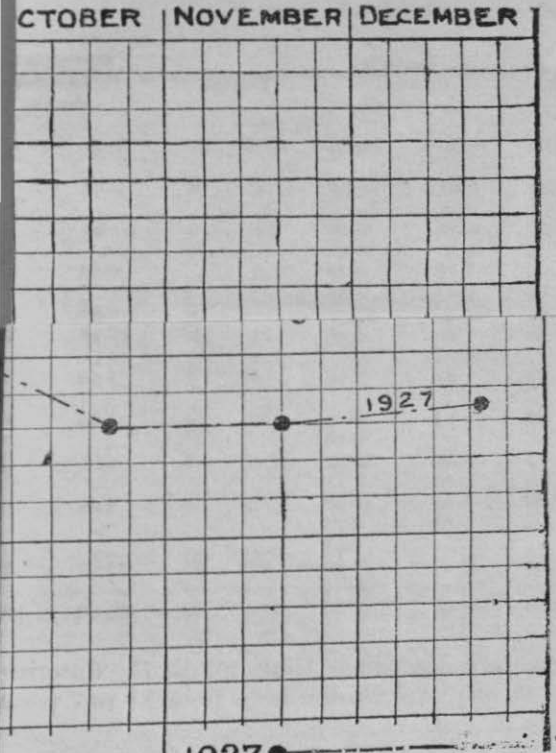
Influenza shows an increase but has not at any time been in epidemic form. The largest number of cases occurred in October, *viz.*, 14.

Jaundice.—In addition to the ordinary catarrhal Jaundice and malarial jaundice, jaundice of a severe type resembling Weils disease has occurred.

11. Statement showing loss or gain in weights of convicts discharged from Settlement during the year 1927 :—

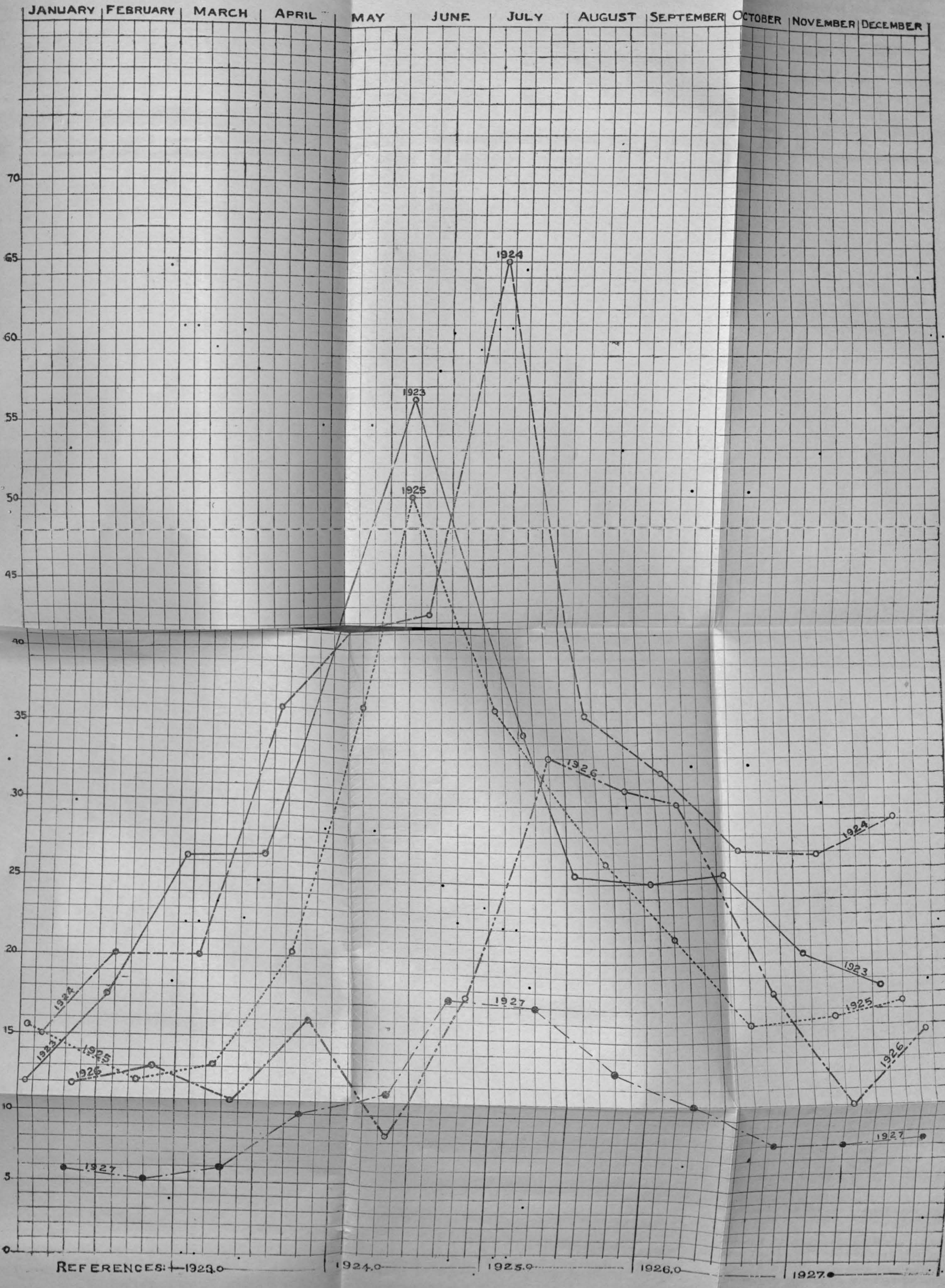
Number of convicts discharged from Settlement		952
(*a*) Number of convicts who lost weight		668
(*b*) Number of convicts who gained weight		259
(*c*) Number of convicts who neither lost nor gained weight		25
(*d*) Ratio per cent. to the number of prisoners discharged of —		
(*a*) 70·17 in 1926	66·38	
(*b*) 27·10 „	29·85	
(*c*) 1·58 „	3·77	

12. *Causes of sickness and mortality.—1. Enteric Fever.*—4 cases amongst convicts were treated during the year and one resulted in death. All cases were diagnosed by laboratory tests carried out at Ross central laboratory.



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MALARIA CHART
Settlement Port Blair.



2. *Malarial Fever.*—The total number of admissions for 1927 were 893 as compared with 1,567 in 1926. The average per 1,000 shows 123·58 for 1927 as compared with 208·21 for 1926. The highest incidence for Malaria was in the month of June. Of the total admissions for Malaria :—

	1926.	1927.
B. T. accounted for	564	325
M. T. accounted for	239	150
Quartan accounted for	44	12
Clinical no parasites found	720	406
Number of fresh cases	..	327
Number of re-infections and relapses	..	566

The reduction in Malarial admissions is marked. The convict population has been decreased by only 300 and yet the Malarial admission has been reduced by over 85 per mille.

The rainfall was less than in the previous year, *i.e.*, in 1926. The difference between the two years is about 34 inches. The fall in Malaria is attributed to :—

(1) Further opening up of the Settlement.

(2) Reclamation of swamps by the Dredger.

(3) Issue of prophylactic Quinine to all cases of chronic Malaria and enlarged spleen.

The number of Malarial cases per mille for the past five years are as follows :—

	Per Mille.	Convict population.
1923	331	9,593
1924	378	8,540
1925	280	7,960
1926	208	7,526
1927	123	7,226

The above figures give an idea of the remarkable decrease in Malaria during the past five years and particularly for the year 1927.

A graph of the total admissions for malarial by months for the past five years is attached for information. A Sub-Asssistant Surgeon was placed on special malarial investigation duty at the beginning of the rains and the entire Settlement was split up into Districts for Medical Officers to carry out weekly inspections. Wherever possible a compounder administered the quinine himself. Navy Bay which had a high spleen index was closed down as residential Barracks. The effect of moving the village of Mathura to another site has been most marked and fever has practically been non-existent in the new village of Ferrar Gunj.

3. *Pneumonia.*—The total number of admissions with this disease during the year was 59, of whom 14 died. All were convicts.

As a rule cases of Pneumonia reach hospital in an advance stage of the disease which accounts for the high rate of mortality.

4. *Dysentery and Diarrhœa.*—The total number of cases in 1926 was 167 and in 1927, 73. The average per thousand being less than in 1926. Dysentery and Diarrhœa have been placed together in the same category as they are apparently due to the same causes and form in many patients various links in the same chain of pathological events.

5. *Tuberculosis.*—13 cases of early Tuberculosis were repatriated to Indian Jails on medical grounds. Only cases in an early stage with chances of improvement were sent to India. There were 26 cases of Tuberculosis of lungs and 1 T. B. Glands during the year.

6. *Influenza.*—There were 44 cases during 1927, diagnosed clinically. This disease was never in epidemic form. There were 3 fatal cases associated with long complications.

7. *Ankylostomiasis.*—The admissions were only 7 as compared with 21 during the previous year. Particular precautions were adopted in connection with Mappillas from Madras.

13. *Classes of convicts and death rates.*—The subjoined statement contains an analysis of classes of convicts and their respective death rates during the two years :—

	Daily average based on actual strength at the end of each month.		Percentage of each class to total strength of convicts.		Actual No. of death in each class.		Percentage of deaths in each class to total number of deaths.		Death rate per cent. of average strength in each class.	
	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.
Labouring convicts other than new arrivals . .	1,961	499	26·06	6·91	51	7	38·64	6·67	2·60	1·40
Self-supporter .	5,243	6,166	69·66	85·33	72	97	54·54	92·38	1·37	1·57
Invalid Gang .	10	6	0·13	0·08	1	..	0·76	..	10·00	..
New arrivals, *i.e.*, convicts who arrived during the year between 1st January 1926 to 31st December 1926	312	555	4·15	7·68	8	1	6·06	0·95	2·56	0·18
Total .	7,526	7,226	100·00	100·00	132	105	100·00	100·00	1·75	1·45

14. *New arrivals.*—These numbered 1,226 during the year. There was one death among them showing a mortality of ·80 for 1927 as compared with 1·75 in 1926.

15. *Convalescent Gang.*—The actual number at the beginning of the year was 39. This figure decreased to 19 at its close. The average for the year was 10·61 against 33·13 last year.

16. *Lunatics.*—There were 2 lunatics in the Settlement at the beginning of the year. During the year 16 were admitted to the wards and 12 were discharged to ordinary labour, leaving 6 at the close of the year.

17. *Lepers.*—There were no lepers in the Settlement at the beginning of the year and none admitted during the year.

18. *Vaccination.*—367 persons were vaccinated during the year. Of these 217 were primary vaccinations and 150 re-vaccinations. 72 of the former and 19 of the latter were successful.

19. *Free population.*—During the year under report there were 41 admissions and one death in the European General Hospital as compared with 38 admissions and one death in the previous year. The total admissions included 4 for child birth, 12 with malarial fever and 25 with other diseases.

There were 751 admissions and 50 deaths in the free hospital for Indians as compared with 858 and 57 respectively in the previous year. Malaria accounted for 125 admissions and 12 deaths. Dysentery accounted for 22 admissions and 2 deaths. Pneumonia for 15 admissions and 8 deaths. Pulmonary Tuberculosis for 7 admissions and 1 death. Influenza 1 admission and no death. Confinements 41 admissions.

Nicobarese.—There were 5 admissions as compared with 20 admissions in the previous year.

Military Police.—There were 272 admissions and no death as compared with 524 admissions and 1 death in the previous year. Malaria accounted for 37 admissions as compared with 161 in 1926.

CHAPTER XV.

ABORIGINES.

1. *Charge.*—Major G. C. Slacke, I.A., Deputy Commissioner, held administrative charge up to 24th December 1927, Major D. E. C. Kenny, I.A., Deputy Commissioner, from 25th December 1927 to 16th March 1928 and Mr. J. F. Conlin, M.C., Officiating Deputy Commissioner, from 17th March to 31st March 1928.

Mr. G. H. Lee, M.C., was in Executive charge from the 1st April 1927 to 2nd October 1927 and from 9th November 1927 to 8th February 1928 and Mr. Balwant Singh from the 3rd October 1927 to 8th November 1927 and from 9th February to 31st March 1928.

2. On an average 18 Andamanese were rationed daily from the Home Fund and were employed in collecting crabs and Turtles at and near Dundas Point. An average of 4 Andamanese were employed throughout the year in assisting the contractor to collect Edible Birds Nests for which the Home Fund received a contribution of Rs. 807.

3. *Jarawas.*—No Jarawa raids were reported.

4. *Little Andaman.*—Two visits were paid and the aborigines were quite friendly.

5. *North Sentinel.*—The Chief Commissioner visited the island, and presents were left in two camps. The islanders as usual fled at the approach of the party.

6. *Health.*—Two Andamanese were admitted into hospital during the year. Two died at the Home. No births were reported during the year.

7. *Finance.*—The expenditure amounted to Rs. 3,234-12-0 against a receipt of Rs. 2,640-15-0. The interest due on the Government Bonds to the value of Rs. 35,000 was not drawn during the year. A cash balance of Rs. 634-13-0 remained in the Treasury at the close of the year.

CHAPTER XVI.

NICOBARS.

Charge.—Mr. E. Hart held charge as Assistant Commissioner, Car Nicobar and Munshi Akbar Ali as Tahsildar, Nankauri.

1 (*a*). *Visits of Inspections.*—The Islands were visited on five occasions by the Chief Commissioner and other officers of the Administration.

2. *Judicial.*—There was one criminal case in which four Nicobarese were sentenced by the Additional Sessions Judge to transportation for life.

3. *Financial.*—A sum of Rs. 18,696-10-0 (*viz.*, Rs. 1,906 for residential and trading licenses and Rs. 16,790-10-0 on account of Royalty levied on export) was collected during the year.

4. *Trade.*—During the year under repo t 50 vessels from various ports visited the Islands; 23 at Car Nicobar and 27 at Nankauri. The produce expoited was as follows :—

	Car Nicobar.	Nankauri.
Coconuts	4,21,475	8,59,500
Kopra (bags)	25,891	9,084
Betel nuts (bags)	241	..
Huqqa shells (kali)	1,42,400	..
Rattan (bundles)	..	1,800
Trapang	..	18,300
Shells, large	..	500
Shells, small	..	35,800

A bag of kopra is said to contain 130 nuts and value of the latter is taken at 64 nuts to the rupee, the current ratio of exchange, the value of kali or huqqa shells at Rs. 62-8 per 700, the value of trade thus amounted approximately to Rs. 1,05,273-4-10 against 1,70,814 in the previous year.

5. *Education.*—All education in the Island is carried out by the Car Nicobar Mission, directly under the control of the Chaplain in Port Blair. The actual supervision of the schools in the Island is done by John Richardson who is assisted by three men, and one woman teacher, all of whom are Nicobarese. There is in addition one convict carpentry instructor.

The course in the main school at Mus is primary and reaches the 3rd standard. There are also three village schools at Lepati, Arong and Kinuki. There are at present six boys and one girl continuing their education in Burma.

6. *Health.*—During the year there was an outbreak of Influenza resulting in 19 deaths in Malacca, 6 in Chaura, and 7 in Teresa. Nankauri was also visited by Influenza but very few deaths occurred.

7. *General.*—The year was marked by a murder case which occurred at Bompoka. The victim was a Chinese trader and the cause was a quarrel over nuts.

CHAPTER XVII.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

Sardar Balwant Singh, U.P.C.S., was the Registrar throughout the year.

Only one new Society, namely the Local Born Co-operative Land Syndicate, was registered.

1. *Ferrar Co-operative Stores.*—The sales on the whole were very satisfactory having risen from Rs. 32,206 to Rs. 38,009 but two branch shops at Wimberly Ganj and Garacherama did not show satisfactory results and it was found necessary to reduce the staff.

2. *Coconut Export Association.*—171,700 coconuts were exported as compared with 171,699 during the previous year and realised Rs. 6-2 per hundred. Almost every planter who is not in a position to export his nuts direct has joined the Association.

3. *Government Servants' Co-operative Credit Society.*—The working of this society was satisfactory.

The organisation of a Credit Society at Garacherama was completed and its registration is under consideration.

4. *House Building Society.*—11 houses were completed and 3 were under construction at end of the year.

5. *Local Born Co-operative Land Syndicate.*—Has begun its career in a promising manner.

The revenue statements and balance sheets showing their working of the various institutions for the period ending 31st March 1928 are appended :—

Revenue Statement.

Income.

Name of Societies.	Opening Balance on 1st April 1928.	Shares capital.	Loans repaid by members.	Loans repaid by Societies.	Deposit by non-members.	Deposit by members.	Deposit by Societies.	Fees.	Interest.	Commission	Sale of goods.	Other items.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Ferrar General Co-operative Stores . . .	2,655	555	..	1,500	2,240	4,100	1,300	..	70	..	38,009	..	10	50,439
Government Servants' Credit Societies . .	43	635	8,402	..	4,000	400	..	..	1,114	..	..	..	..	14,594
Coconut Export Association	485	2,189	..	..	..	920	..	139	..	250	12,698	143	1,711	18,535
House Building Societies	961	600	2,530	..	3,895	..	3,100	..	338	..	3,777	..	..	15,201
Local Born Coconut Land Syndicate . . .	..	13,945	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,072	..	..	15,217
Total .	4,144	17,924	11,132	1,500	10,135	5,420	4,400	139	1,522	250	55,556	143	1,721	13,986
Last Year's Figure .	..	11,912	6,706	..	1,000	..	..	140	224	..	38,954	5,474	1,023	65,433

Revenue Statement—contd.

Name of Societies.	Deposit refunded.							Expenditure.						
	Shares Capital refunded.	To members.	Other Societies.	To non-members.	Interest deposit.	Loans advanced to members.	To Societies.	Purchase of goods.	Price of goods paid to members purchased from them.	Establishment.	Other items.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Closing balance on 31st March 1928.
Ferrar General Co-operative Stores	75	1,450	..	1,540	200	..	4,600	38,502	..	1,031	379	1,139	48,916	1,523
Government Servants' Credit Societies	175	400	..	2,500	275	11,110	..	..	..	..	63	28	14,551	43
Coconut Export Association	..	920	..	..	..	2,334	..	..	12,680	143	355	1,388	17,820	715
House Building Societies	..	..	..	2,895	80	5,926	1,300	3,154	..	88	..	23	13,466	1,735
Local Born Coconut Land Syndicate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	109	13,725	165	13,999	1,218
Total	250	2,770	..	6,935	555	19,370	5,900	41,656	12,680	1,371	14,522	2,743	1,08,752	5,234
Last Year's Figure	9,317	1,060	..	..	..	1,630	..	45,446	..	941	657	1,488	60,539	4,894

Balance Sheet.

Assessts.

Name of Societies.	Balance in hand 1st April 1928.	Value of stock in hand.	Loans due,	Loans due from Societies.	Interest due.	Value of goods sold.	Miscellaneous.	Other items.	Total.
Ferrar Co-operative Stores Limited	1,523	9,221	..	3,100	75	..	1,097	1,412	16,428
Government Servants' Credit Society	43	..	10,552	..	165	..	..	24	10,784
Coconut Export Association .	715	..	145	..	..	898	35	20	1,813
House Building Society .	1,735	684	5,040	1,300	173	..	..	..	8,932
Local Born Land Syndicate .	1,218	..	..	..	..	..	100	7,025	[8,343
Total .	5,234	9,905	15,737	4,400	413	898	1,232	8,481	46,300
Last Year's Figure .	8,894	5,903	9,474	..	122	1,257	[1,211	..	26,861

Balance Sheet—contd.

Liabilities.

Name of Societies.	Share capital.	Deposit due to members.	Deposit due to non-members.	Loans due to Societies.	Interest due.	Due on account of purchase of stock.	Establishment.	Reserve Fund.	Miscellaneous.	Total liabilities.	Total Profit.	Total Loss.	No. of members.
Ferrar Co-operative Stores Limited	5,950	8,140	..	1,300	310	..	86	239	148	16,173	255	..	333
Government Servants' Credit Society	3,040	7,400	5,300	..	367	..	..	30	..	10,137	647	..	60
Coconut Export Association	232	..	..	..	..	898	200	..	..	1,350	463	..	34
House Building Society	3,250	2,000	3,100	..	45	..	15	194	..	8,604	328	..	40
Local Born Land Syndicate	13,945	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,945	..	5,602	108
Total	26,417	17,540	8,400	1,300	722	898	301	463	148	50,209	1,693	5,602	575
Last Year's Figure	11,295	6,190	4,800	..	262	2,553	105	..	218	25,423	1,438	..	434

CHAPTER XVIII.

FORESTS.

1. *Charge.*—Direction Division—Mr. M. C. C. Bonington, Northern Division—Mr. H. P. Smith, Southern Division—Mr. M. E. R. Taylor.

2. *Area.*—64 acres of unclassed forests were disforested and 96 acres constituted Reserved Forests.

The total area under forests at the close of the year was 2,091·19 sq. miles.

3. *Surveys.*—Enumerations of the growing stock were carried out over a total area of 17,002 acres.

A topographic map of 203 acres in the South of Long Island was prepared on a scale of 16″=1 mile—Sectional maps on a scale of 8″ to 1 mile were prepared for the rest of the area enumerated and the main rivers and streams sketched in.

The cost of these operations amounted to Rs. 10,827.

4. *Roads.*—Further lengths of 4 miles of road between Bonington and Base Camp were constructed at a cost of Rs. 5,364.

5. *Buildings.*—Rs. 41,570 were spent on buildings, the most important being that of the new mill at Chatham and of a house for the Filer at Bonington.

6. *Other works.*—The expenditure on other works amounted to Rs. 27,739, the most important work undertaken being the construction of a Jetty at Chatham for loading timber on to steamers. The Jetty will be completed during the coming year.

7. *Outturn of the Mills.*—The combined output of the Mills was 13,423 tons as compared with 12,471 tons in the previous year.

8. *Exports.*—18,143 tons of timber were exported as compared with 14,006 tons in the previous year.

9. *Sales.*—19,544 tons of timber were sold as compared with 17,393 tons in the previous year.

10. *Receipts and Expenditure.*—The total receipts amounted to Rs. 14,18,062 as against a Revenue Expenditure of Rs. 11,53,567 and a Capital expenditure of Rs. 3,01,659.

11. *Profit and Loss.*—The profit and loss account shows a profit for the year of Rs. 2,29,065-3-3.

12. *Elephants.*—The total strength of elephants at the close of the year was 87. 17 were purchased during the year and 7 died.

13. *Buffaloes.*—The total strength of buffaloes at the close of the year was 73. 68 were purchased, 8 died and one was lost.

APPENDIX I.

Statement showing the entire population of the Settlement in the Andamans, excluding aborigines, on the 31st March 1928.

	Christians.		Hindus.		Mohammedans.		Buddhists.		Other Castes.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Civil	424	15	179	2	157	4	18	1	2	..	780	22
Military	136	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	136	..
Marine	7	..	8	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	66	..
Police	..	..	279	..	229	..	..	..	..	..	508	..
Free Residents	73	117	811	910	305	910	76	59	..	..	1,265	1,996
Convicts	30	..	2,658	137	3,292	81	1,208	13	6	..	7,194	231
Children of all Ranks	136	127	863	614	816	610	46	40	..	..	1,861	1,391
Total	806	259	4,798	1,663	4,850	1,605	1,348	113	8	..	11,810	3,640

APPENDIX II.

Comparative Statement of "Receipts" and "Expenditure" of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands for the years 1926-27 and 1927-28.

	1926-27.	1927-28. Supplementary figures.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
RECEIPTS.		
II. Taxes on Income—Income Tax	13,378 4 0	13,984 3 0
V. Land Revenue	36,347 8 0	48,611 2 0
VI. Excise	6,546 12 0	10,478 4 0
VII. Stamps	5,035 15 0	5,132 1 0
XVI. Interest on advance to cultivators	2,168 2 0	4,790 15 0
XVIII.—JAILS AND CONVICT SETTLEMENT.		
Jail Manufacture	3,880 13 0	4,150 12 0
Sale of Settlement Produce	1,378 1 0	4,204 11 0
Hire of convicts	7,786 1 0	14,207 1 0
Sale of Stores	70,808 15 0	83,405 12 0
Unclaimed and Intestate Property	707 10 0	1,824 5 0
Recoveries from Indian States for their prisoners in Port Blair	664 1 0	671 15 0
Veterinary Receipts	2,002 12 0	2,144 4 0
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Fines	3,845 1 0	4,874 15 0
Chaukidari Fees	9,242 1 0	8,106 14 0
Educational Cess	1,894 5 0	2,221 14 0
Ferry dues	4,552 12 0	6,349 2 0
Conservancy Fees	2,992 12 0	2,716 3 0
Other items	75,362 8 0	80,225 0 0
Receipts in connection with S. S. "Maharaja" passage money and freight	2,203 3 0	..
Recoveries of service payments	1,704 14 0	1,557 11 0
Refunds	..	—10,598 0 0
Total	2,52,510 0 0	2,06,062 7
Public Works Department	7,362 0 0	9,840 0 0
Forest Receipts	11,70,863 0 0	14,18,062 0 0
GRAND TOTAL	14,30,735 0 0	16,33,964 7 0

APPENDIX II—*contd.*

Expenditure.	1926-27. Rs. A. P.	1927-28. Supplementary figures. Rs. A. P.
7. Stamps	263 7 0	262 4 0
19. Interest	2,387 0 0	1,284 8 0

25. JAILS AND CONVICT SETTLEMENTS.

Convict Charges at Port Blair.

Establishments.

Establishment and Contingencies.	1926-27. Rs. A. P.	1927-28. Rs. A. P.
Chief Commissioner	38,400 0 0	36,595 3 0
Deputy Commissioner	24,494 11 0	23,658 12 0
Assistant Commissioners (Non-Voted)	17,854 5 0	21,185 13 0
Assistant Commissioners (Voted)	24,023 7 0	28,227 5 0
Exchange Compensation Allowance	....	....
Clerks and Servants	64,685 10 0	73,826 2 0
Travelling and other Allowances	17,661 0 0	13,270 14 0
Other Charges	11,157 0 0	11,871 15 0
Total	1,98,276 1 0	2,08,636 0 0
Educational Establishment.		
Executive Subordinates	24,044 13 0	30,269 6 0
Book Depôt and Contingencies, etc.	3,352 2 0	9,891 14 0
Total	27,396 15 0	40,161 4 0
Medical Establishment.		
Surgeons, Assistant Surgeons and Sub-Assistant Surgeons	65,405 14 0	65,225 0 0
Other Charges	3,363 13 0	4,078 15 0
Total	68,769 11 0	69,303 15 0
Commissariat Establishment.		
Executive Commissariat Officer	13,927 12 0	13,260 0 0
Executive Subordinates	4,003 2 0	3,310 7 0
Other Charges	288 15 0	966 12 0
Total	18,219 13 0	17,537 3 0
Treasury Establishment.		
Treasury Officer	600 0 0	425 0 0
Executive Subordinates	1,754 6 0	2,175 0 0
Accountant and others	....	....
Other Charges	504 1	393 15 0
Total	2,858 7 0	2,993 15 0

APPENDIX II—*contd.*

		1926-27.	1927-28. Supplementary figures.
Registration Establishment.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Registration Clerk		360 0 0	411 5 0
Veterinary Establishment.			
Executive Subordinates		4,847 4 0	5,631 5 0
Marine Establishment.			
Engineer and Harbour Master		9,600 0 0	9,293 9 0
Skilled labour		44,981 5 0	53,340 8 0
Tidal Observatory Clerk		90 0 0	
Other Charges		1,083 8 0	1,079 9 0
	Total	55,754 13 0	63,713 10 0
Jail Establishment.			
Skilled labour, Warders, etc.		45,897 9 0	50,155 6 0
Other Charges		3,611 9 0	5,432 8 0
	Total	49,509 2 0	55,587 14 0
Police Establishment.			
District Superintendent		18,446 2 0	21,542 10 0
Deputy Superintendent		4,347 1 0	4,960 8 0
Executive Subordinates		5,878 2 0	6,285 5 0
Constabulary		1,69,361 3 0	1,82,132 1 0
Civil Police—Other Charges		28,656 11 0	18,288 6 0
	Total	2,26,689 3 0	2,33,208 14 0
Supplies and Services.			
Maintenance of Motor Lorries		21,989 2 0	19,986 5 0
Subsistence money to convicts		4,17,590 2 0	5,54,650 11 0
Passage money to families of S. S.		16,483 4 0	28,241 6 0
Rations to Police		26,179 1 0	9,375 6 0
	Total	4,82,241 9 0	6,12,253 12 0
Commissariat Supplies.			
Bakery		7,487 14 0	8,916 8 0
Dairy Farm		12,633 3 0	12,451 8 0
Slaughter House		49,020 1 0	38,200 5 0
Other Charges		2,32,867 5 0	1,30,420 11 0
	Total	3,02,008 7 0	1,89,989 0 0

(The 1927-28 figure 53,340 8 0 is bracketed against Skilled labour and Tidal Observatory Clerk.)

APPENDIX II—*concld.*

	1926-27. Rs. A. P.	1927-28. Supplementary figures. Rs. A. P.
FOREST SUPPLIES.		
Purchase of Timber, Firewood, etc.	26,610 10 0	19,056 6 0
CLOTHING.		
Clothing for Police, Convicts and Nicobarese	48,460 7 0	21,747 7 0
MARINE SUPPLIES.		
Purchase of Coal, etc.	1,19,664 7 0	85,450 0 0
ORDNANCE SUPPLIES.		
Purchase of Ordnance Stores	11,218 10 0	11,895 1 0
MEDICAL SUPPLIES.		
Purchase of Medicines and Medical Stores	20,477 7 0	18,979 14 0
MISCELLANEOUS CONTINGENCIES.		
Telephone Rent, etc.	13,093 7 0	12,137 8 0
Jail Press Supplies	986 10 0	253 8 0
COMMISSION.		
On purchase or sale of Commissariat Stores	437 10 0	292 10 0
PASSAGE MONEY, FREIGHT, ETC.		
Passage Money and Freight	1,47,654 13 0	1,45,444 3 0
RELIEF WORKS.		
Famine Relief	4,930 6 0	50,434 13 0
DREDGING OPERATIONS.		
Dredging Operations	3,85,135 13 0	54,892 4 0
CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH S.S. "MAHARAJA."		
Hire of Steamer, Cost of Coal, etc.	1,61,466 13 0	2,12,884 4 0
CHARGES OF STATION SHIPS.		
S.S. "Ahmedi"	....	1,83,173 13 0
S.S. "Shahzada"	1,69,651 5 0	32,752 0 0
R.I. M. S. "Clive"	1,22,703 11 0	12,050 2 0
Total 25.—Jails and Convict Settlements	26,52,073 13 0	23,60,871 14 0
Port Blair Public Works Department	1,35,081 0 0	1,56,643 0 0
Port Blair Forest Department	12,21,279 0 0	14,45,604 0 0
GRAND TOTAL	40,08,433 13 0	39,64,665 14 0

APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the expenditure incurred in guarding and maintaining convicts in the Settlement of Port Blair during 1927-28.

Average No. of Convicts.	Names.	Total. Rs.	A.	P.	Cost per head of average strength. Rs.	A.	P.
	Stores and Supplies	7,73,173	11	0	106	4	0
	Fixed Establishment	5,90,421	9	0	81	0	0
	Guards	3,19,762	5	0	43	15	0
	Medical Supplies	18,979	14	0	2	10	0
	Marine Supplies	85,450	0	0	11	12	0
	Convict Clothing	12,052	5	0	1	11	0
7,279	Freight and Passage Money	1,45,444	3	0	20	0	0
	Public Works and Forest Department	14,20,214	0	0	195	2	0
	Contingencies	52,980	7	0	7	5	0
	Charges in connection with Andaman steamers	4,40,860	3	0	60	9	0
	Relief Works	50,434	13	0	6	15	0
	Dredger Operations	54,892	4	0	7	7	0
	GRAND TOTAL	39,64,665	10	0	*544	10	0
	Deduct—Receipts	16,33,964	7	0	224	7	0
	NET COST	23,30,701	3	0	320	3	0

* The increase over the last year is due to further reduction in convict strength.

APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the amounts recovered from the Native States for the maintenance of their convicts in the Settlement of Port Blair during 1927-28.

Name of States.	Periods. Previous balance.	Periods. 1927-28.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Marwara	41 5 10	..	41 5 10
Jaspur	200 0 0	..	200 0 0
Bhavnagar	24 14 0	..	24 14 0
Hyderabad	100 0 0	..	100 0 0
Ratanwal	..	100 0 0	100 0 0
Gangpur	..	96 2 0	96 2 0
Daspalla	..	28 12 0	28 12 0
No details	..	80 13 2	80 13 2
Total	366 3 10	305 11 2	671 15 0

APPENDIX V.

Statement of Settlement manufactures and miscellaneous produce for the year 1927-28.

Description.	Rs.	A.	P.
Oil Factory	7,600	11	0
Cane and Rope Factory	4,102	1	0
Printing	924	12	0
Weaving	1,350	11	0
Forest Produce	27,899	12	0
Agricultural and Settlement Produce	15,754	8	0
Fishery	3,069	13	0
Building Material	23,512	12	0
Workshops	18,200	12	0
Foundry	5,537	6	0
Total	1,07,953	0	0

APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the expenditure in the Public Works Department during the year 1927-28.

No. of Item.	Name of work.	Amount.	Total.	Remarks.	
		Rs.			Rs.
1	Minor Works—Buildings . . .	11,500			
2	„ „ —Communications .	2,720			
3	„ „ —Miscellaneous . .	13,927			
4	Repairs—Buildings	69,782 (*a*)		(*a*) Voted . .	69,570
5	„ Communications . . .	19,973		Non-voted . .	212
6	„ Miscellaneous	2,727			
7	Establishment	36,231			69,782
8	Tools and Plant	3,015			
9	Suspense	—3,232			
			1,56,643		

APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number and description of convicts in the Settlement for the year 1927-28.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Balance on 31st March 1927	6,877	229	7,106
Imprisoned during the year	25	1	26
Received from India and Burma during the year	1,105	21	1,126
Recaptured	13	..	13
Returned to Station	47	..	47
Total	8,067	251	8,318
Transferred to India and Burma to undergo sentence	304	1	305
Released by orders of Government—			
A. On appeal	1	..	1
B. On expiry of sentence	151	1	152
C. On payment of fine	4	..	4
D. For gallantry	1	..	1
E. Under 20 years' rule absolute	237	..	237
„ „ „ „ conditional	51	..	51
F. Under 25 years' rule absolute	15	..	15
„ „ „ „ conditional	27	..	27
G. Other reasons	13	35	48
H. Special	9	..	9
Escaped	11	..	11
Absented	47	..	47
Executed	4	..	4
Died	94	3	97
Total	969	40	1,009
Balance on 31st March 1928	7,098	211	7,309
Daily average number	7,039	220	7,259

APPENDIX VIII.

Abstract of crime for which prisoners (as per strength on 31st March 1928) were transported.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Murder	4,592	144	4,736
Dacoity	1,574	..	1,574
Mutiny	351	..	351
Theft	15	..	15
Abduction of female and child stealing	51	..	51
Receiving stolen property	6	..	6
House-breaking	7	..	7
Causing grievous hurt	153	..	153
Robbery	149	..	149
Poisoning	20	65	85
Dishonest misappropriation of property	..	..	..
Mischief by fire	29	..	29
Criminal trespass	58	..	58
Forgery	8	..	8
Riot	7	..	7
Escape from lawful custody	..	..	..
Rape	36	..	36
Unnatural crime	..	..	..
Using counterfeit coin	..	..	..
Harbouring an offender who escaped from lawful custody or whose apprehension has been ordered	..	..	..
Procuring arms without license	..	..	..
Causing disappearance of evidence	..	..	..
Wilfully doing an act endangering persons in Railways	1	..	1
Cheating	4	..	4
Military prisoners convicted of desertion, etc.	4	..	4
Local convicts	33	2	35
Total	7,098	211	7,309

APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the classes of convicts in the Settlement of Port Blair according to sentences for the year 1927-28.

		Males.	Females.	Total.
A. Class I	Not exceeding one month (locally convicted)	2	..	2
B. Class II	Above one and not exceeding three months (locally convicted)	5	..	5
C. Class III	Above three and not exceeding six months (locally convicted)	3	..	3
D. Class IV	Above six months and not exceeding one year (locally convicted)	2	1	3
E. Class V	Above one and not exceeding three years (locally convicted)	6	..	6
F. Class VI	Above three and not exceeding five years	11	..	11
G. Class VII	Above five and not exceeding ten years	1,214	7	1,221
H. Class VIII	Exceeding ten years	463	5	468
I. Class IX	Life	5,392	198	5,590
J. Class X	Executed	4	..	4
	Total	7,102	211	7,313*

* Including 4 convicts executed.

APPENDIX X.

Statement showing the escapes and recaptures of convicts at Port Blair for the year 1927-28.

Remaining uncaptured on 31st March 1926			77
Deduct—Escapes at large for over seven years			13
	Balance of previous year's escape		64
	Escape during the year	By land	8
		By sea	3
		GRAND TOTAL	75
Recaptured during the year	A. Of those escaped in previous year		6
	B. Of those escaped during the year		7
		Total	13
Remaining uncaptured	A. Previous year		58
	B. Of present year		4
		Total	62
Unexpired portion of sentence of those escaped during the year.	A. Under one year		7
	B. Above one year and under three years		7
	C. Above three years and under seven years		15
	D. Above seven years		33
		Total	62

APPENDIX XI.

Statement showing the religions, ages and previous occupations of convicts in Port Blair during the year 1927-28.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Religions—			
A. Christians—			
Europeans	..	..	..
Eurasians	1	..	1
Indians	8	..	8
B. Mohamedans	3,183	121	3,304
C. Hindus	2,671	63	2,734
D. Buddhists	1,065	9	1,074
E. Other classes	170	18	188
Total	7,098	211	7,309
Ages—			
A. Under 16 years	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*
B. 16 to 40 years	4,034	149	4,183
C. 40 to 60 years	2,794	71	2,865
D. Above 60 years	404	..	404
Total	7,232	220	7,452*
Previous occupations—			
Males—			
(a) Landholders	86	..	86
(b) Agriculturists	3,905	..	3,905
(c) Labourers	1,281	..	1,281
(d) Shopkeepers	327	..	327
(e) Artizans	473	..	473
(f) Government servants	121	..	121
(g) Domestic servants	364	..	364
(h) Weavers	364	..	364
(i) Boatmen and fishermen	155	..	155
(j) Other callings	22	..	22
(k) No occupation	..	..	..
(l) Occupation not recorded	..	..	..
(m) Married	..	201	201
Females—			
(n) Unmarried	..	10	10
Total	7,098	211	7,309

* As per census taken on 31st December 1927.

APPENDIX XII.

Statement showing the state of education of convicts received in the Settlement during the year 1927-28.

	Province.																			
	Bengal.		Madras.		Bombay.		Burma.		Punjab.		Central Provinces.		United Provinces.		Bihar and Orissa.		Native States.		Grand Total.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Of those received from India during the year there were—																				
Unable to read and write	2	7	256	..	10	3	185	2	118	..	16	8	30	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Able to read and write a little	..	..	84	..	9	..	73	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Able to read and write	..	..	117	..	1	..	182	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Of the total of the year there were in Jail—																				
Neither able to read and write																				
To read and write a little											*Nil*									
To read and write well																				
Total	2	7	457	..	20	3	440	2	140	..	16	8	30	1	..	..	..	..	..	..

APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the scale of diet in force in the Settlement of Port Blair and average cost of the chief articles comprising it for 1927-28.

—	Rice.		Atta.		Dal.		Oil.			Salt.			Condiment.			Tamarind.			Vegetables.		Fish four times in a week.		Dhai twice in a week.		Average monthly cost of each convict.		
	lb.	oz.	lb.	oz.	lb.	oz.	lb.	oz.	dr.	lb.	oz.	dr.	lb.	oz.	dr.	lb.	oz.	dr.	lb.	oz.	lb.	oz.	lb.	oz.	Rs.	A.	P.
Diet of labouring convict	1	10	1	4	0	4	0	0	12	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	8	1	4	0	12	7	3	$8\frac{2}{3}$
Diet of non-labouring convict	1	6	1	0	0	4	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	8	1	4	0	12	6	5	$2\frac{9}{15}$

APPENDIX XVI.

Statement showing offences committed by the convicts in the Settlement of Port Blair for the year 1927-28.

—	Act VIII of 191 .	Reg. III of 1876.			Police Act of 1876.	Indian Penal Code sections.													
	16	17	24	32	34	152	179	182	186	198	216	224	226	289	302	303	304	307	309
Settlement	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Self-supporter	1	1	1	42	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	4	1	1	2	1	3	1
Labouring convict	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1	1	1	42	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	4	1	1	2	1	3	1
Jail	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Self-supporter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Labouring Convict	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
GRAND TOTAL	1	1	1	42	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	4	1	1	2	1	3	1
Total to date from 1st April	1	1	1	42	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	4	1	1	2	1	3	1

—	Indian Penal Code sections.																											
	323	324	325	326	329	333	352	353	354	363	377	379	380	381	389	406	409	411	417	420	448	454	456	457	459	500	504	
Settlement	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Self-supporter	12	11	5	11	..	5	4	1	2	2	2	14	9	2	1	1	2	2	..	5	1	2	1	4	1	1	1	171
Labouring convict	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	12	11	5	11	..	5	4	1	2	2	2	14	9	2	1	1	2	2	..	5	1	2	1	4	1	1	1	171
Jail	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Self-supporter	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Labouring Convict	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Total	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
GRAND TOTAL	16	11	5	11	1	5	4	1	2	2	2	14	9	2	1	1	3	2	1	5	1	2	1	4	1	1	1	178
Total to date from 1st April	16	11	5	11	1	5	4	1	2	2	2	14	9	2	1	1	3	2	1	5	1	2	1	4	1	1	1	178

—	Clauses of Paragraph 1 of the Andaman Administrative Circular No. IV.													
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
Settlement	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Self-supporter	14	3	8	1,052	59	15	94	1	4	1	..	3	1,254	1,425
Labouring convict	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	15
Total	14	3	8	1,067	59	15	94	1	4	1	..	3	1,269	1,440
Jail	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Self-supporter	..	..	..	27	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	31	36
Labouring Convict	..	..	..	80	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	81	83
Total	..	..	..	107	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	112	119
GRAND TOTAL	14	3	8	1,174	62	15	95	1	5	1	..	3	1,381	1,559
Total to date from 1st April	14	3	8	1,174	62	15	95	1	5	1	..	3	1,381	1,559

APPENDIX XVII.

Annual Return of sick prisoners in the Settlement of Port Blair for the Calendar year 1927.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Abstract—			
Population—			
Remaining	7,040	234	7,274
Admitted	2,540	31	2,571
Total	9,580	265	9,845
Aggregate of the daily total of strength	2,548,042	81,904	2,629,946
Daily average strength	6,982	224	7,206
Remained in hospital	195	1	196
Admitted	2,926	88	3,014
Total	3,121	89	3,210
Sick—			
Discharged	...	...	2,989
Died	83	2	85
Remaining	...	...	...
Aggregate of the daily totals of sick in hospital	...	...	...
Daily average sick	178·45	3·56	182·01

APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement showing the sickness and mortality among the convicts in Settlement of Port Blair during the Calendar year 1927.

Port Blair.	Male.	Female.	Total.
1. Capacity of the convict barracks at 50 superficial feet per head	3,238	..	3,238
2. Daily average based on actual strength at end of month .	6,982	224	7,206
3. Maximum population on any one day	7,253	214	7,467
4. Number admitted into hospital	2,926	88	3,014
5. Daily average number of sick	178·45	3·56	182·01
6. Number of deaths in and out of hospital	103	2	105
Ratio per cent. of average based on actual strength at end of each month—			
A. Of admission into hospitals	41·91	39·29	41·83
B. Of daily average number of sick	2·56	1·59	2·53
C. Of death from cholera	..	..	..
D. Of death from all other causes both in and out of hospitals	1·47	0·94	1·46
E. Of deaths from all causes in and out of hospitals	1·47	0·94	1·46

APPENDIX XIX.

Statement showing the admissions and deaths from the chief diseases among the convicts in the Jail of Port Blair during the Calendar year 1927.

	Admissions.	Deaths.
1. **Cholera**	..	..
2. Dysentery	73	8
3. **Malarial fevers**	893	10
4. Tubercle of the lungs, tubercular disease of other organs and general tuberculosis	27	10
5. Other general diseases	1,601	38
6. Pneumonia	59	14
7. Other respiratory diseases	241	5
8. Diarrhœa	34	..
9. Abscesses, boils and ulcers of all kinds	113	..
Ratio admissions and deaths per mille of average strength from—		
Cholera	..	..
Dysentery	10·13	1·11
Malarial fevers	123·92	1·39
Pneumonia	8·19	1·94
Diarrhœa	4·72	..
All causes	222·18	5·27

APPENDIX XX.

Statement showing the admissions into Hospital, daily average sick and the death per cent. of average strength of the prisoners of all classes in the Settlement of Port Blair during the several months for the Calendar year 1927.

Months.	Actuals.			Per cent. of daily average strength.		
	Admissions.	Daily sick.	Deaths.	Admissions.	Daily sick.	Deaths.
January	218	183·63	9	3·03	2·55	0·12
February	186	171·03	9	2·58	2·37	0·12
March	216	161·21	8	3·00	2·24	0·11
April	196	148·83	7	2·72	2·07	0·10
May	243	165·73	4	3·37	2·30	0·06
June	210	184·49	5	2·91	2·56	0·07
July	330	202·93	5	4·58	2·82	0·07
August	288	208·33	7	4·00	2·89	0·10
September	343	216·76	4	4·76	3·00	0·06
October	259	192·37	7	3·59	2·67	0·10
November	243	171·59	6	3·37	2·38	0·08
December	282	177·19	14	3·91	2·46	0·19

APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the mortality among the convicts in the Settlement of Port Blair during the Calendar year 1927 according to Age.

	Average number.			Number of deaths.			Ratio of deaths per cent. of average Number.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Under 16 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
16 to 40 years	4,034	149	4,183	74	3	77	1·34	2·01	1·84
40 to 60 years	2,794	71	2,865	28	..	28	1·00	..	0·98
Over 60 years	404	..	404	..	..	..	..	..	..

APPENDIX XXII.

Statement showing the mortality among convicts in the Settlement of Port Blair during the Calendar year 1927, according to length of imprisonment undergone.

	Average number.	Number of deaths.	Ratio per cent. of average strength.
1. Under six months	539	2	0·37
2. From six to twelve months	4,875	62	1·28
3. From one to two years	598	8	1·33
4. From two to three years	531	8	1·51
5. From three to seven years	641	21	3·28
6. Above seven years	42	4	9·52
Total	7,226	105	1·45

APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement showing the admissions and deaths from the Chief Diseases among the Convicts in the Settlement of Port Blair during the Calendar year 1927.

1	2																				3							
	A.		B.		C.		D.		E.		F.		G.		H.		I.		J.		Ratio of admissions and deaths per cent. of average strength based on actuals at end of month.							
—	Small pox.		Malarial fever.		Pyrexia of uncertain origin.		Cholera.		Tuberculosis.		Pneumonia.		Respiratory disease.		Dysentery.		Diarrhœa.		Ulcer and Boil.		Malarial fevers.		Tuberculosis.		Pneumonia.		Dysentery.	
	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.
Port Blai	..	..	893	10	..	..	..	..	27	10	59	14	241	5	73	8	34	..	113	..	12·39	0·14	0·36	0·14	0·82	0·19	1·01	0·11

APPENDIX XXIV.

Meteorological Observations recorded in the Observatory, Port Blair, during the Calendar year 1927.

Months.	Readings of Barometer.				Temperature of Air.							Dry and wet bulb.		Rain.		Wind.
	Mean for the month.	Highest in the month.	Lowest in the month.	Range.	Highest in the shade.	Lowest in the shade.	Range in the month.	Mean of all highest.	Mean of all lowest.	Mean daily range.	Approximate for the month.	Mean of dry bulb.	Mean of wet bulb.	Number of days on which it fell.	Amount collected.	General direction.
January . .	30·045	30·122	29·988	0·134	86·7	68·8	17·9	84·9	75·6	9·3	80·2	79·6	74·7	1	0·12	NNE
February . .	30·057	30·102	29·924	0·178	88·4	71·4	17·0	87·2	75·1	12·1	81·1	79·1	75·7	3	0·69	NNE
March . .	29·977	30·044	29·910	0·134	91·7	72·2	19·5	89·0	71·5	17·5	80·2	81·0	77·2	3	0·70	WNW
April . .	29·974	30·040	29·806	0·234	93·4	75·5	17·9	90·6	77·9	12·7	84·2	82·5	78·8	8	4·28	WNW
May . .	29·956	30·026	29·724	0·302	91·6	72·0	19·6	87·0	77·1	9·9	82·0	81·7	78·7	25	19·84	WSW
June . .	29·865	30·018	29·736	0·282	88·6	73·4	15·2	82·5	73·9	8·6	78·2	81·4	78·6	28	17·06	WSW
July . .	29·553	30·000	29·800	0·200	88·4	74·4	15·0	85·6	78·4	7·2	82·0	84·8	79·0	25	7·69	C
August . .	29·913	30·016	29·838	0·178	87·2	73·4	13·8	85·2	76·7	8·5	80·9	80·8	77·7	28	14·57	WSW
September .	29·921	30·064	29·844	0·220	88·8	73·0	15·8	86·0	77·2	8·8	81·6	81·1	78·3	19	4·97	C
October . .	30·009	30·104	29·908	0·196	87·8	74·4	13·4	85·7	76·9	8·8	81·3	83·5	78·1	24	12·89	C
November .	30·019	30·130	29·950	0·180	88·5	73·0	15·5	85·8	77·0	8·8	81·4	84·9	77·4	22	10·78	NNE
December .	30·063	30·114	30·010	0·104	84·6	71·8	12·8	82·6	77·3	5·3	79·9	83·9	75·3	9	2·58	ENE
Total .	359·352	360·780	358·438	234·2	1065·7	973·3	193·4	1032·1	914·6	117·5	973·0	984·3	929·5	195	96·17	..
Mean for the month . .	29·946	30·065	29·869	19·5	88·8	81·1	16·1	86·0	76·2	9·8	81·1	82·0	77·4	16	8·01	..

APPENDIX XXV.

Statement showing the Types of Insanity of the Lunatics in the Asylum in [illegible] Mental Hospital, during the calendar year 1927.

Class.	I.—Errors of Development. 144 Idiocy.			II.—Disorders of Function. 145 Mania (acute, recurrent or chronic). (a) Puerperal.			(b) Epileptic.			(c) Alcoholic.			(d) Senile.			(e) Other forms.			146 Melancholia (acute, recurrent or chronic). (a) Hypochondriacal.			(b) Puerperal.			(c) Senile.			(d) Other forms.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining on 31st December of the preceding year 1926	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	[illegible]	..	..
Admitted during the year 1927.	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	[illegible]	..	..
Total treated	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	[illegible]	..	..
Discharged — Recovered	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Discharged — Improved	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	[illegible]	..	..
Discharged — Not improved	1*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Discharged — Otherwise	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Escaped	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Died	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Remaining on the 31st December 1927.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	[illegible]	..	..

Class.	147 Circular insanity.			148 Mental Stupor. (a) Anergic.			(b) Delusional.			149 Delusional insanity (acute or chronic).			150 Moral insanity.			151 and 152 Impulsive and obsessive insanity.			III.—Result of infection toxic and other general conditions. 153 Post febrile insanity.			154 Acute delirium.			155 Confusional insanity.			156 Alcoholic insanity (acute or chronic).		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining on 31st December of the preceding year 1926	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Admitted during the year 1927.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total treated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Discharged — Recovered	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Discharged — Improved	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Discharged — Not improved	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Discharged — Otherwise	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Escaped	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Died	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Remaining on the 31st December 1927.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Class.	157 Insanity of Myxoedema.			162 Insanity of Haschisch.			158, 161 & 63 Insanity from other causes.			IV.—Degenerations. 164 General Paralysis of the insane.			165 Dementia Primary and Secondary. (a) Senile.			(b) Epileptic.			(c) Syphilitic.			(d) Other forms.			Declared … have recov- ed or not diagnosed	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.
Remaining on 31st December of the preceding year 1926	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Admitted during the year 1927.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..
Total treated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..
Discharged — Recovered	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Discharged — Improved	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Discharged — Not improved	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Discharged — Otherwise	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
Escaped	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Died	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Remaining on the 31st December 1927.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..

* Transferred to [illegible] Jail.

APPENDIX XXVI.

Statement showing the distribution of self-supporters on the 31st March 1928.

SCHEDULE A.

(1) Villages.

Head. Sub-head.	Actual Strength. Male.	Actual Strength. Female.
Aberdeen	175	24
South Point	86	11
Shadipure	23	22
Brich Gunj	12	1
Brookesabad	3	..
Austinabad	10	..
Dodh Line	5	1
Nia Gown	7	1
Phœnix Bay	38	6
Jungli Ghat	81	5
Lamba Line	37	2
School Line	14	..
Pahargaon	10	..
Prathrapur	18	1
Garacharma	38	..
Taylerabad	23	2
Calicut	38	..
Bumlitan	28	2
Beadonabad	13	1
Bhagel Singh Pura	16	1
Nia Shahar	8	..
Doyly Gunj	18	4
Manjari	23	..
Bunyadabad	45	3
Lilly Pura	50	9
Manglutan	20	5
Maymyo	112	..
Homfry Gunj	17	3
Dhanni Khari	19	1
Chouldari	23	5
Port Mouat	22	2
Ograbraij	36	8
Mitha Khari	34	3
Namunaghar	46	6
Hobdaypur	34	5
Tusonabad	47	3
Manpur	97	..
Temple Gunj	23	..
Herbertabad	61	..
Bamboo Flat	42	19
Stewart Gunj	28	6
New Stewart Gunj	39	..
Wimberly Gunj	41	5
Kadaka Chang	15	6
Bindraban	21	..
Ferrar Gunj	105	1
Annikhet	39	1
Caddle Gunj	60	5
Muslim Basti	48	..
Hashmatabad	25	..
Wright Mayo	22	..
Mannar Ghat	42	..
Niapuram	43	..
Malapuram	41	..
Total in villages	2,021	180

APPENDIX XXVI—*contd.*

Head, Sub-head.	Actual Strength. Male.	Female.
SCHEDULE B.		
Stations.		
Ross	546	9
Middle Point	561	..
Pahargaon	116	..
Navey Bay	108	..
Phœnix Bay	658	1
Atlanta Point	567	..
Haddo	1,505	2
Dundas Point	673	..
Total	4,734	12
Jail	85	8
Total in stations	4,819	20
Total in Stations and Villages	6,840	200

APPENDIX XXVI-A.

Statement showing the occupation of self-supporters on the 31st March 1928.

	Actual Strength.			
	Settlement.		Jail.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Cultivators	1,350	87	..	..
Engine drivers	15	1	..	..
Firemen	36	..	..	..
Munshies	58	3	3	..
Sawyers	55	1	..	..
Office Orderlies	69	5	2	..
Carpenters	272	4	..	..
Choukidars	38	..	..	..
Petty Shopkeepers	92	7	..	..
Blacksmiths	71	..	..	..
Tinners	6	..	..	..
Tailors	23	7	5	1
Mochies	13	2	..	..
Poulterers	9	1	..	..
Fishermen	57	..	..	..
Servant of Government	174	1	5	..
Servant of resident	317	..	..	..
Ayahs	..	5	..	..
Dhobies	48	7	..	..
Barbers	42	..	1	..
Cattle graziers	37	..	..	..
Sweepers	83	4	5	..
Coolies	1,726	9	..	..
Fitters	21	3	..	..
Bricklayers	56	4	..	..
Painters	19	1	..	..
Oilers	6	1	..	..
Bandmen	17	3	..	..
Hotel Keepers	16	..	..	..
Weavers	2	..	..	..
Book Seller	1	..	..	..
Coppersmith	2	..	..	..
Jemadars	9	..	1	1
Tindals	23	..	7	..
Petty Officers	157	3	7	1
Saw Sharpers	4	..	..	..
Timber Markers	6	..	..	..
Stacking file	16	..	..	..
Pumpmen	6	..	..	..
Lightermen	35	..	..	..
Mali	16	2	..	..
Dongymen	9	..	..	..
Pahrawalas	165	..	3	..
Boat cleaners	6	..	..	..

APPENDIX XXVI-A—*contd.*

	Actual Strength.			
	Settlement.		Jail.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Foremen Peon	8	..	..	..
Road Coolies	215	..	..	..
Lime Kiln	26	..	..	..
Manufacturers	6	..	..	..
Indian Nurse	..	1	..	..
Store Keepers	3	..	..	..
Pankha Pullers	34	..	..	..
Mosquitobrigade	2	..	..	..
Grass Cutters	47	..	..	..
Stokers	25	..	..	..
Cake Maker	1	..	..	..
Butterman	1	..	..	..
Butchers	11	..	..	..
Veterinary Dressers	15	..	..	..
Motor Drivers	38	1	..	..
Seacunny	3	..	..	..
Mahawat	48	..	..	..
Masons	42	..	..	..
Raftmen	44	..	..	..
Writers	21	2	2	..
Cooks	19	1	9	..
Compounders	26	3	3	1
Milk Sellers	28	4	..	..
Machinemen	15	..	..	..
Boiler Makers	20	..	..	..
Telegraph Chaprasis	2	..	..	..
Toddy drawer	1	..	..	..
Watermen	75	3	2	..
Watch repairers	2	..	..	..
Lascars	26	1	..	..
Contractors	21	2	..	..
Patwaris	2	..	..	..
Potters	5	..	..	..
School Masters	23	..	..	..
Farriers	5	..	..	..
Bill Collector	1	..	1	..
Cart drivers	68	..	..	..
Book Binders	4	..	1	..
Pan sellers	2	..	..	..
Vegetable sellers	2	1	..	..
Lamp Lighters	18	..	..	..
Prohits	2	..	..	..
Boat Mullahs	152	..	..	..
Cleaning Pump	4	..	..	..
Thatchers	9	..	..	..
Syces	8	..	..	..
Daftries	16	1	1	..
Dak Runners	19	1	..	..

APPENDIX XXVI-A—*concld.*

	Actual Strength.			
	Settlement.		Jail.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Stone cutters	41	..	..	..
Caulkers	8	..	..	..
Gate Keepers	..	..	2	..
Ward Coolies	32	3	..	..
Moulders	19	1	..	..
Bush Police	46	..	..	..
Foremen Tindal	6	..	..	..
Signal Peon	10	..	..	..
Log Measurer	1	..	..	..
Slab feeders	7	..	..	..
Greasers	2	..	..	..
Charcoal Burners	12	..	..	..
Fellers	10	..	..	..
Gantryman	1	..	..	..
Pressmen	3	..	8	..
Choudhries	21	2	..	..
Mosque Immam	1	..	..	..
Cycle Repairer	1	..	..	..
Cane Workers	2	..	6	1
Curd Maker	1	..	..	..
Compositors	3	..	11	3
Stud Bull Attendant	39	..	..	..
Coral Collectors	16	..	..	..
Weighmen	2	..	..	..
Milkers	8	..	..	..
Drill Instructor	1	..	..	..
Kneaders	2	..	..	..
Goldsmith	1	1	..	..
Fuel Cutters	16	..	..	..
Log Feeders	10	..	..	..
Latheman	1	..	..	..
Gear Makers	3	..	..	..
Squarers	5	..	..	..
Logging	7	1	..	..
Path Makers	46	2	..	..
Buffaloes Drivers	14	..	..	..
Total	6,755	192	85	8

APPENDIX XXVII.

Statement of Crimes for the year 1927-28.

Offences.	Reports from 1st April to 31st March.		Result of cases up to 31st March 1927.				Result of cases up to 31st March 1928.						Remarks.
	1926-27.	1927-28.	Expunged.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Undetected.	Expunged.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Undetected.	Pending in court.	Pending under Police Investigation.	
A.													
Murder, 302-303	6	9	1	..	..	5	..	4	2	1	2	..	
Attempted to murder, 307	2	6	1	1	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	
Man slaughter, 304	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Death by rash act 304 A	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	
Suicide, 309	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	
Hurt cases, 324 to 328	37	28	5	29	1	2	..	27	..	1	..	..	
House breaking, 450 to 459	72	68	10	26	3	33	4	14	1	45	..	4	
Thefts, 379, 380 & 381	66	64	4	32	7	23	6	28	3	26	..	1	
Robbery, 392, 394 & 395	4	2	2	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	
Criminal breach of trust, 406 to 409	1	7	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	

Cases of stolen property, 411 to 414	9	3	1	7	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
Rape, etc., 354, 376, 377 & 366	2	5	2	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous, 224, 226, 420, 435, 456, 332, 429, 447 & 448.	39	40	7	18	3	11	2	22	2	14	..	..
Total	239	236	33	115	16	75	14	115	9	90	3	5
B.												
Sections 109, 110, C. P. C.	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Local Acts	54	44	..	52	2	..	..	43	1	..	..	..
Total	55	44	..	53	2	..	..	43	1	..	..	..
GRAND TOTAL	294	280	33	168	18	15	14	158	10	90	3	5

(1) Non-bailable admitted Offences (164)—

Convicted	81
Undetected	67
Acquitted	8
Pending Court	3
Under investigation	5
	164

(2) Bailable admitted Offences (58)—

Convicted	34
Acquitted	1
Undetected	23
	58

	Rs.	A.	P.
Value of property stolen	18,346	15	7
Value of property recovered	3,329	7	0

APPENDIX XXVIII

Statement showing the number of cases disposed of by the Sessions Court during 1927-28 and the sentence inflicted.

Offences.	Cases.	Prisoners.	How disposed of			Average duration of trial.	Witnesses examined.
			Convicted.	Acquitted.	Pending.		
Voluntarily causing grievous hurt, Section 326, I. P. C.	1	3	Convicted	..	..	20	13
Murder by Life convict, Section 303, I. P. C.	4	5	Convicted 3	Acquitted 2	..	14	50
Attempt at murder, Section 307, I. P. C.	5	5	Convicted 4	Filed 1 as accused died before disposal.	..	11	35
Murder, Section 302, I. P. C.	2	5	Convicted	..	..	5	10
Unlawful return from custody, Section 226, I. P. C.	2	3	Convicted	..	..	8	*Nil*
Causing grievous hurt on provocation, Section 335, I. P. C.	1	2	Convicted	..	..	14	8
Total	15	22	19	3	..	72	116

Sentences.

Term of imprisonment	3
Transportation for Life	4
Hanged	6

APPENDIX XXIX.

Statement showing the number of pupils and other particulars of attendance in various schools in the Port Blair Settlement during 1927-28.

	South Point.				Garacharama.				Aberdeen.				Protheropur.				Girl School South Point.				Calicut.			
	Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Number of pupils on 1st April 1927.	216	..	37	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	8	4	6	2	..	..	..	54	..	..	..	..	14	7
Number of pupils on 31st March 1928.	207	..	52	..	45	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	22	..	..	..	..	38	..	..	..	..	13	12
Average daily number of pupils on the Roll during the year.	229·35	..	53·28	..	46·83	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	10·57	1·29	..	..	..	43·70	..	..	..	..	12·89	8·53
Average Daily attendance.	207·66	..	49·41	..	43·52	..	..	..	..	..	6·26	..	9·34	1·12	..	..	..	34·16	..	..	..	..	8·20	6·22
Percentage of attendance.	90·19	..	92·76	..	92·93	..	..	..	..	..	57·69	..	88·36	86·82	..	..	..	89·89	..	..	..	..	63·07	51·83

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Statement showing the number of pupils and other particulars of attendance in various schools in the Port Blair Settlement during 1927-28—contd.

	Mangerie.				Haddo.				Bambooflat.				Mithakhari.				Dhanikhari.			
	Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Number of pupils on 1st April 1927.	..	..	19	13	..	..	13	3	3	..	8	..	6	..	9	..	3	..	2	..
Number of pupils on 31st March 1928.	..	..	17	12	..	..	17	2	2	1	15	..	7	..	12	..	1	..	5	..
Average daily number of pupils on the Roll during the year.	..	..	18·75	12·12	..	..	16·04	2·81	2·91	·80	11·56	..	6·68	..	10·63	..	1·65	..	3·75	..
Average Daily attendance.	..	..	13·81	8·70	..	..	14·79	1·23	·57	·77	3·18	..	5·10	..	8·53	..	2·30	..	2·80	..
Percentage of attendance.	..	..	73·12	71·79	..	..	87·00	61·50	18·93	77·49	26·56	..	76·37	..	80·19	..	1·39	..	7·47	..

Statement showing the number of pupils and other particulars of attendance in various schools in the Port Blair Settlement during 1927-28—contd.

	Herbertabad.				Tusonabad.				Muslim Basti.				Mannarghat.				Wimberlygunj.			
	Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Number of pupils on 1st April 1927.	..	..	12	3	6	..	5	..	..	..	32	19	3	2	26	16	..	..	13	16
Number of pupils on 31st March 1928.	..	..	21	3	8	..	6	..	..	..	25	17	3	2	26	16	..	..	32	29
Average daily number of pupils on the Roll during the year.	..	..	17·40	3·00	7·20	0·11	5·48	0·06	..	..	26·80	16·80	1·76	1·28	29·17	14·[illegible]8	..	..	25·00	25·60
Average Daily attendance.	..	..	13·78	2·25	4·24	0·04	3·81	0·01	..	..	17·89	15·97	1·36	0·68	18·15	11·03	..	..	17·21	14·75
Percentage of attendance.	..	..	79·55	76·49	60·47	12·50	70·32	10·00	..	..	66·93	59·99	60·03	51·18	56·16	52·51	..	..	71·21	59·83

APPENDIX XXIX—*concld.*

Statement showing the number of pupils and other particulars of attendance in various schools in the Port Blair Settlement during 1927-28—concld.

	Maymyo.				Manpur.				Anikhet (Ferrargunj).				North Andamans.				Total.			
	Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.		Free.		Convict.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Number of pupils on 1st April 1927.	..	..	9	7	..	..	21	9	13	3	29	17	18	7	..	..	325	68	257	114
Number of pupils on 31st March 1928.	..	..	46	19	..	..	21	9	19	6	42	14	17	5	..	..	331	52	360	133
Average daily number of pupils on the Roll during the year.	..	..	15·30	7·90	..	..	21·33	7·33	14·38	3·54	31·92	11·92	16·33	5·33	..	..	337·66	56·05	304·30	110·35
Average Daily attendance.	..	..	9·49	5·76	..	..	16·17	5·96	11·22	2·17	25·46	8·58	14·73	4·59	..	..	290·04	43·53	228·94	80·41
Percentage of attendance.	..	..	72·98	62·07	..	..	55·40	83·31	73·73	75·28	78·45	70·90	86·66	91·80	..	..	649·06	4 4·9[illegible]	1,308·86	660·22

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